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Soldier hurt in 4th day of Sulu fighting

By the PDI Mindanao Bureau

ZAMBOANGA CITY—CLASHES BETWEEN government forces and Abu Sayyaf bandits appeared to taper off yesterday after briefly spilling over to Panamao, where one soldier was wounded in a two-hour enemy shelling, the military said.

SOLDIER/ A22

DepEd memo says anybody but actors; Jinggoy irked

By Juliet Labog-Javellana and Alcuin Papa

SEN. JINGGOY ESTRADA HAS TAKEN OFfense at the guidelines on patriotism issued by a school official in Catanduanes telling students not to vote for actors and basketball players running for senator, vice president or president.

"Is this the kind of attitude and perspective

DEPED/ A8

'Hello Garci' scandal closed book–Palace

Proposes 'academic review' of poll issue

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

MALACAÑANG YESTERDAY DECLARED THAT the "Hello Garci" scandal was a closed book, a day after the incoming head of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines suggested that President Macapagal-Arroyo resolve the lingering doubts about her legitimacy.

"I think (all) venues have been exhausted," said Environment Secretary Michael Defensor, referring to legal and extrajudicial processes mounted to deal with allegations that based on wiretapped conversations, Ms Arroyo had cheated in the balloting last year.

On the legal front, Defensor said opposition questions on the mandate of the President had gone through the canvassing process—the Presidential Election Tribunal—and the impeachment attempt in Congress.

"They already lost three times and they always accuse us of ignoring them and never giving in to their pleas," Defensor said in a briefing in Malacañang as he resumed his role as the President's main spokesperson on election matters.

The secretary was particularly adamant about the failure of the opposition to rally enough votes to bring the impeachment case

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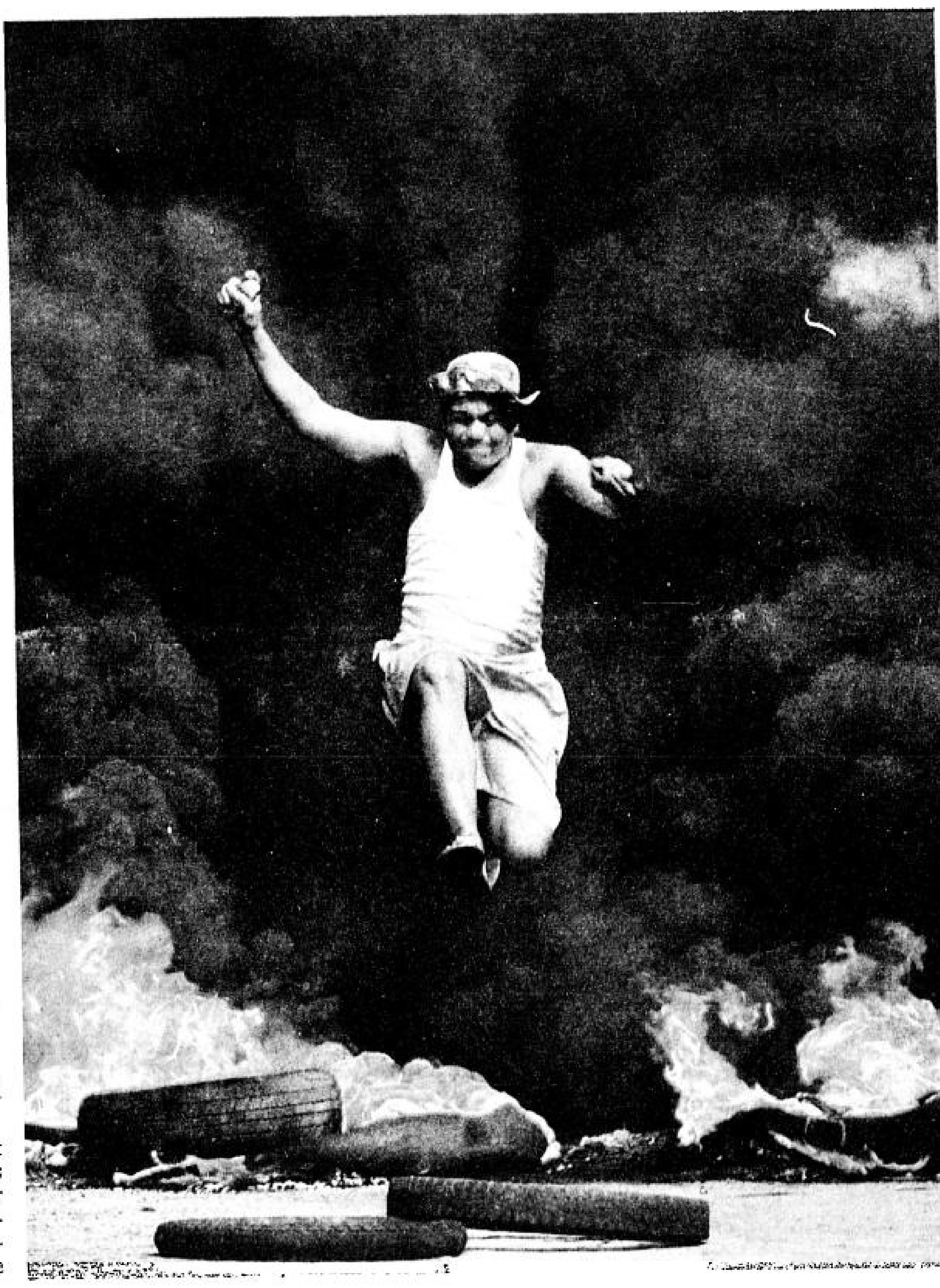

FIRE ESCAPE
A man jumps over burning tires laid by protesters to block antiriot policemen and members of a demolition team from tearing down their houses at the St. Joseph Compound in Sun Valley, Parañaque City. REUTERS

Senators smell pork in 2 items in budget

By TJ Burgonio

TWO NEW ITEMS IN THE PROposed P1.05-trillion budget for 2006 with total funding of P8 billion came under close scrutiny by senators yesterday on suspicion these were pork barrel for local government officials.

Pork barrel traditionally finances the pet projects of members of the House of Representatives and the Senate. It is a known source of kickbacks.

At the start of the Senate committee of the whole's budget deliberations, senators took turns in grilling budget officials on the P5 billion for the Kilos Asenso Support Fund and the P3 billion for the Kalayaan Barangay Program Fund.

After failing to get satisfactory answers, the senators vowed to look more deeply into the two funds in the next hearings.

"We must carefully examine this because the impression of many senators, just looking at it on the surface, is that this is a pork barrel. We are not saying that we will immediately approve it, Senate President Franklin Drilon later told reporters.

"Any fund not found in the existing appropriations can be considered pork barrel. That P8 billion fund is a huge pork barrel," said Sen. Manuel Villar Jr., chair of the committee on finance.

At the budget hearing in the House of Representatives on Sept. 28, Davao del Sur Rep. Douglas Cagas, vice chair of the appropriations committee, also called the Kilos Asenso Support Fund and Kalayaan Barangay Program Fund pork barrel.

He said the funds would give local executives a big opportunity to misuse them.

Cagas noted that the amount allotted for local executives was higher than the P6.2 billion for the pork barrel of all the members of Congress under the Priority Development Assistance Fund.

At the Senate hearing, Senate Pro Tempore Juan Flavier

SENATORS/ A8

Tapes are insignificant, says nat'l security chief

By Fe Zamora and Christine O. Avendaño

"INSIGNIFICANT," THAT'S WHAT the "Hello Garci" tapes are, says National Security Adviser Norberto Gonzales.

In fact, the wiretapping scandal merely reflected the sorry state of Philippine politics, Gonzales said in an interview with the INQUIRER last week. *(See banner story.)*

"Frankly speaking, what are we complaining about? All the politicians are behaving like, you know, the only mistake of the President probably is she was caught on tape of a particular conversation," he said.

"Condemning the President by making her resign will not correct the damage that we have inflicted on ourselves," Gonzales said.

"The tapes, to me, are insignificant, I am really sorry to say. What has happened to the President is a reflection of how rotten our political practice has become."

Gonzales was among the Cabinet members who stood solidly behind Ms Arroyo on July 8, when 10 senior Cabinet officials resigned en

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IMBES NA BALITA, TSISMIS NA LANG?

Defensor says readers want show biz news

By Christine O. Avendaño and Christian V. Esguerra

WHAT DO FILIPINOS NOW seem to prefer to read: News about opposition efforts to oust President Macapagal-Arroyo or news about show biz?

Show biz, claims Environment Secretary Michael Defensor, one of Ms Arroyo's chief defenders.

Defending Ms Arroyo's call for media to focus on positive

DEFENSOR/ A8

Rock stars MiG, Constantine arrive for shows

By Nikko Dizon

TWO CHARISMATIC ROCKERS WHO became famous worldwide this year landed in Manila yesterday.

Filipino-Australian rocker MiG Ayesa and New Yorker Constantine Maroulis stepped off the same Philippine Airlines flight from Los Angeles, California, and into a quiet welcome each from a small group of fervent fans. It was 3 a.m.

Ayesa placed third in "Rock Star INXS," which featured 15 contenders and was broadcast worldwide for 11 weeks from the CBS Studios in Los Angeles. The prize was the position of new front man for the Australian band INXS, a phenomenal success in the 1980s whose lead singer died in 1997.

His impressive showing, Ayesa believed, was boosted by text messages from his two home countries. During the final leg of "Rock Star," he said in a previous INQUIRER interview that, win or lose, he was definitely Manila-bound "sooner than next year ... to personally thank every single fan" who sent an SMS in his favor.

"It's nice to be treated like a long-lost son, to feel the nation behind me. It's very nice to come home this way," Ayesa told a handful of reporters upon arrival at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia) Centennial Terminal 2.

It was a surprise, too. Ayesa was initially expected on Dec. 1 to perform at the "MTV Staying Alive Music Summit for HIV/AIDS." As it turned out, he had to turn up two weeks early as negotiations pushed through for him to perform the finale number at the opening ceremonies of the Ad Congress in Cebu City on Thursday.

At Naia, he briefly exchanged "hey, man" hugs with "American Idol" finalist Constantine Maroulis, who is in the country for a series of performances at Ayala malls nationwide.

Like Ayesa, Maroulis did not win the competition he joined, but emerged as a big audience favorite. "I did not expect to make friends on 'Idol.' I treated the audition like a job interview," Maroulis said at a press conference later in the day. "But I did make friends. In fact, we were like family." *(Story on Page A32)*.

Ayesa, 35, describes himself as a

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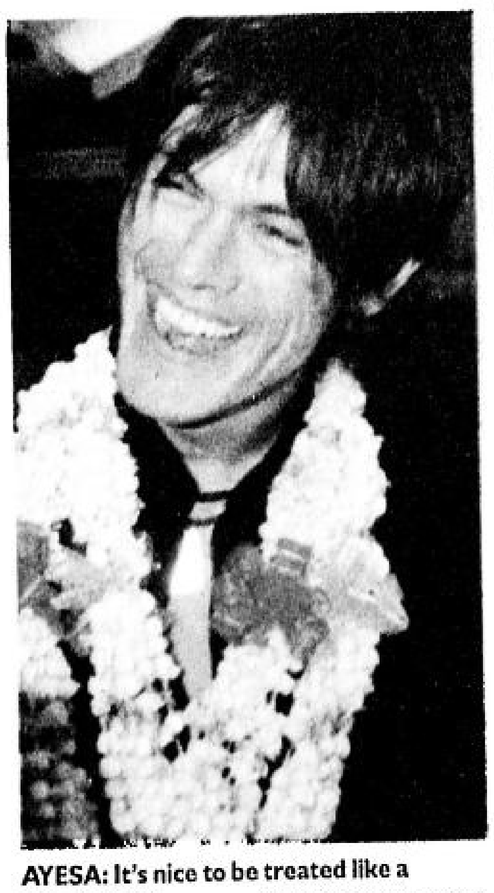
MAROULIS: We were like family in "American Idol."



AYESA: It's nice to be treated like a long-lost son. PHOTOS BY ROGER MARGALLO

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: At 2 p.m. yesterday, tropical depression "Pepeng" was estimated at 350 km east of Surigao City, Surigao Del Norte, with maximum sustained winds of 55 kph near the center. It was forecast to move north northwest at 15 kph. Intertropical Convergence Zone affecting Visayas and Mindanao.

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VFA 1-yr proviso too short for rape case, says lawyer

By Cynthia D. Balana

THE LEAD COUNSEL FOR THE FILIPINO WOMAN allegedly raped by five American Marines in Subic Bay on Nov. 1 yesterday criticized a provision in the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA) between the Philippines and the United States.

Interviewed over radio dzMM, lawyer Katrina Legarda called the VFA provision imposing a one-year time limit for the litigation of cases involving US servicemen charged in Philippine courts "atrocious."

Legarda, who agreed to take the case pro bono, said the senators who approved the VFA were not exposed to judicial practice.

It would be impossible for a Philippine court to complete the judicial proceedings and hand down a decision in this case within one year, she said.

According to Legarda, in the preliminary investigation alone, the prosecution is allowed 60 days.

She also pointed out that the VFA was not clear when the one-year time limit would commence—from the date the crime was committed or the day the case is filed.

With the onset of the Christmas season, the lawyer said she expected the judicial proceedings to proceed slowly.

Legarda is chair of the Child Justice League which has a contract with the Department of Social Welfare and Development to provide legal services to victims of abuse. The DSWD asked her to represent the victim in court last Friday.

In the case of Timoteo Soriano Jr., the driver of the Starex van where the victim was allegedly raped, Legarda said it was unfair for media to say that Soriano had recanted the statement he had given the Subic police.

Legarda said that based on news reports, Soriano only denied using the word "gang rape" in his statement.

Not a recantation

She said Soriano's statement was, in fact, strengthened by his recollection of what happened while the victim and the five suspects were inside the van.

"*Alam niya* (Soriano) *na itong* Smith *na ito, sinabi niya*, 'I'm done.' *O, anong ibig sabihin niyon? Nabasa ko na napansin ni* Soriano *na iyung pantalon ng biktima ay hanggang sa tuhod. O anong ibig sabihin niyon? Hindi iyon* recantation *sa akin. Huwag na huwag ninyo sabihin sa* media *na nagrecant siya kasi* unfair *yan kay* Mr. Soriano (Soriano heard Smith say, 'I'm done.' What can it mean? Soriano saw the victim's pants were down to her knees. What can it mean? That's not recantation. Media shouldn't say he recanted. It's unfair to Soriano.)," Legarda said.

Soriano "modified his statement," Legarda pointed out. He might just be telling the truth "as he knows it."

Victim takes DNA test

Yesterday, the National Bureau of Investigation's Forensic and Chemistry Division (FCD) conducted a DNA examination on the victim.

"We will be able to come up with the test results two weeks from now," NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco told reporters.

Also yesterday, Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez denied Legarda's request to transfer the hearings to the Department of Justice main office in Manila.

Gonzalez said the preliminary investigation of the five US Marines accused of raping the 22-year-old Filipino woman in Subic would be held in Olongapo City on Nov. 23 and 29.

"As a general principle, it has got to be in Subic because that is where the supposed incident took place. That is jurisdictional according to the Rules of Court. Right now, I don't see why we should transfer. But we are not saying that it could not be transferred," Gonzalez said.

Defense Secretary Avelino Cruz Jr., who cochairs the Presidential Commission on the VFA, refused to make any comment on the rape case. He said he would leave all the talking to the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), which chairs the oversight body on the VFA.

The DFA, however, has not asked for custody of the five accused US servicemen.

Marine's lawyers

In a strange turn in the looming legal battle over the rape case, a son of the late senator and Filipino man of letters Francisco "Soc" Rodrigo is serving as legal counsel for one of the accused.

Lawyer Francisco Rodrigo Jr. yesterday confirmed that he was assisting Staff Sgt. Chad Carpentier (not Carpenter as stated in early reports) along with another Filipino lawyer, Raul Rabe, whose involvement also surprised many since he used to be the country's ambassador to the US.

The two lawyers are with the Rodrigo Berenguer & Guno law firm. ***With Margaux C. Ortiz, Philip C. Tubeza, Dona Pazibugan, Volt Contreras***

Pasig shooting probe snagged by police failure to get video

By Luige A. del Puerto

POLICE ACKNOWLEDGED yesterday they still had to ask a local television station for a copy of the video footage that is expected to show whether the killing of three alleged car thieves in Pasig City last week was a rubout or the result of an exchange of fire with police who claimed to have cornered them.

A spokesperson for a special fact-finding committee said the failure had prevented the group from wrapping up what was to have been a simple three-day inquiry to determine if police had violated any rules of engagement in the shooting, which occurred on Nov. 7.

Insp. Joseph Orsos said the emergence of a security guard who claimed to have seen the shooting had also complicated the group's original mission and he was appealing to the public and his superiors for more time to wrap up the probe.

The committee was set up after video taken by UNTV showed police operatives still firing at the three alleged car thieves after they had been immobilized and were slumped in their car. Police claimed the killing of Brian Anthony Dulay, Anton Cu-Unjeng and Francis Manzano was the result of an exchange of fire allegedly initiated by the alleged car thieves.

"As early as Friday, (we) pleaded with the national headquarters to give us more time," Orsos said. "A lot of things are (still) coming out. The problem here is that since we lack time, it's possible that all parties are already angry with us."

One of the questions confronting the committee was whether to primarily base its conclusion on the UNTV video, which the lawyers of the 10 officers involved in the alleged shootout had challenged. Orsos said the lawyers had questioned the "sequence of the video," suggesting it had been edited.

"But even as we can't get an unedited copy, (another video clip) is being released piecemeal," he said, referring to another clip of the incident aired by UNTV.

He admitted, however, that the committee had yet to formally ask UNTV to provide them a copy of the entire video.

Orsos said that apart from having to evaluate the testimony of the security guard, another problem they were facing was how to investigate the registered owner of a gun found inside the slain men's car.

The weapon, a 9mm pistol, was registered to a Rodolfo de la Paz but its license had expired in November 2003.

"Right now, we are still pleading with the registered owner (to talk to us). We have done that last week, but he is not heeding our request," Orsos said.

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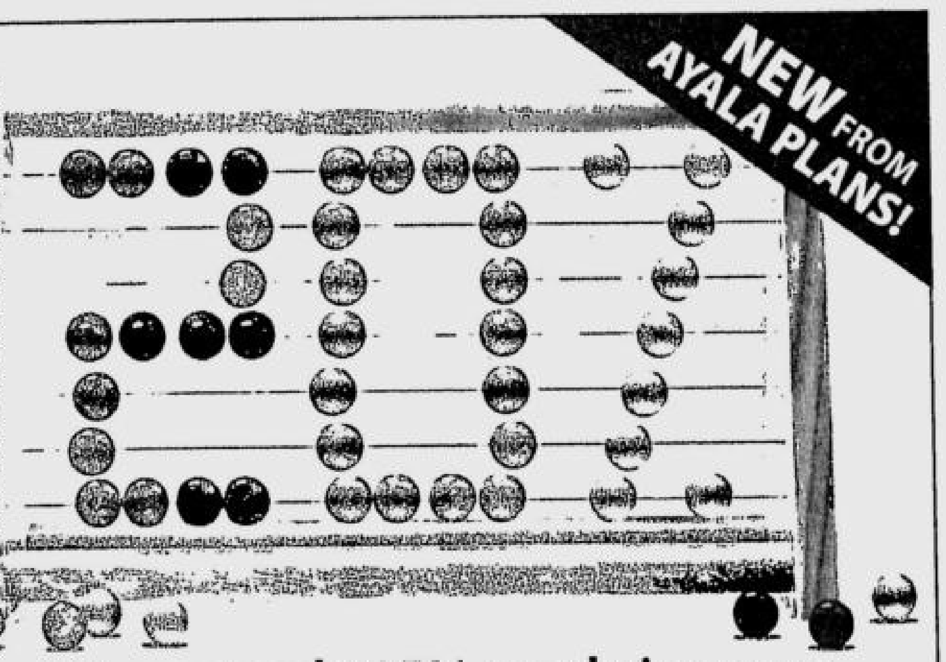

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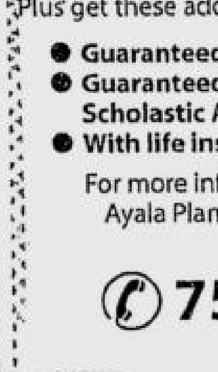

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BIR says Yap not off hook

By Michelle V. Remo

THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE IS continuing its pursuit of former Agriculture Secretary Arthur Yap, saying its dismissed P4-million tax evasion case against the former Cabinet official was one of the strongest under the government's Run After Tax Evaders (RATE) program.

The BIR has filed a motion for reconsideration with the Department of Justice after the DOJ dismissed the tax agency's case against Yap last month.

"We see this as a strong case for the BIR, and with the filing of the motion for reconsideration, commit [ourselves] to pursue it. We simply seek to apply the tax laws of the land without fear or favor," said Finance Undersecretary Emmanuel Bonoan, RATE program head.

The motion filed by the BIR said the DOJ erred in dismissing the case and insisted there was sufficient probable cause to charge Yap and his father, Domingo, with tax evasion.

The case stemmed from the alleged nonpayment of the appropriate documentary stamp and withholding taxes totaling P4 million by DHY Realty and Development Inc., a firm owned by the Yaps. The BIR said the tax liabilities were incurred following DHY's purchase of a real property in Pasig City in 1997.

The Yaps claimed DHY entrusted the registration of the property deal to its lawyer, Karlo Butiong, and that they were unaware that Butiong had used a fraudulent deed of sale in order to pay less taxes.

In its decision to dismiss the case, the DOJ said the BIR failed to show sufficient proof of the Yaps' "actual attempt and willful failure to file the return and pay the taxes due."

But a lawyer in the RATE program said that whether or not the Yaps were guilty of a willful attempt to evade taxes was something the courts should determine. She said what the DOJ should be concerned with was only whether probable cause was present.

The DOJ should, therefore, approve the case and file it in the proper court, the lawyer said.

Own adviser bursts GMA's VAT bubble

By Gil Cabacungan Jr.
and Norman Bordadora

EXCUSE ME, MA'AM, FOR bursting your bubble.

A former student and economic adviser of President Macapagal-Arroyo's yesterday disputed her claim that the peso had strengthened and oil prices had softened because of the implementation of the expanded value-added tax (VAT).

Albay Rep. Joey Salceda said that, more accurately, the peso gained ground in the past two weeks due mainly to the robust inflow of remittances from Filipinos (up nearly 20 percent) working overseas. He added that domestic oil prices were lower now than they were two weeks ago because of the slide in world crude oil prices.

"President Arroyo is very lucky to ride on such a confluence of events. You need a lot of luck [for] things to fall into place all at the same time," Salceda said.

"The expanded VAT would have had no impact if oil prices stayed above $60 per barrel and remittances were flat from a year ago," said the lawmaker, who was the main proponent of the fiscal reforms undertaken by the President which advocated new taxes, including the expanded VAT.

He said the VAT could not have resulted in the decrease in fuel pump prices when the consumption tax actually drove the per-liter price up by 10 percent.

"The effects [of the dollar influx and the decreasing fuel prices] will just be neutralized [by the imposition of the expanded VAT]," Salceda said.

He noted that it would take time for the VAT to show positive developments in the real economy, such as the generation of jobs and the increased spending power of the public.

"What is directly attributable to the expanded VAT is the collapse in bond premiums. Interest rates are now lower," Salceda said.

While the lawmaker remained confident the expanded VAT would have a positive impact on the government's finances, the government should not ignore the needs of the "real economy."

"The government will not forget that the main purpose [of the VAT] is to make life easier for Filipinos," Salceda said.

Transport strike fizzles

THE BALLYHOOED BUS AND jeepney strike fell flat on its face in the capital and in the provinces, the police said yesterday.

"There might have been buses or jeepneys which did not ply their routes, but they did not adversely affect the transportation situation here in Metro Manila," declared Director Vidal Querol, chief of the National Capital Region Police Office.

Philippine National Police spokesperson Chief Supt. Leopoldo Bataoil said, "It was generally peaceful in the countryside. We have not received any report that the strike disrupted public transportation."

Organizers had said the strike was to protest the expanded value-added tax, the increases in the prices of oil products, and to express their dissatisfaction with President Macapagal-Arroyo. *Luige A. del Puerto*

Court won't let Estrada party

IT LOOKS LIKE THE PARTY WILL just have to go on without him.

The Sandiganbayan yesterday denied for lack of merit former President Joseph Estrada's plea to be allowed to attend today's golden jubilee celebration of Ateneo High School Class 1955 at the Meralco Theater in Pasig City.

In denying Estrada's motion, the antigraft court's Special Division said it "finds no imperative humanitarian consideration or time-honored Filipino custom or tradition which can convince the Court to grant the motion."

It said that "while this Court has previously allowed the accused to attend certain important events, the holding of a special concert to commemorate a high school class reunion, even if it be a golden jubilee, does not appear to be such an important occasion that would reasonably justify the Court's permission and thereby entail additional and considerable government expense to safeguard the accused's security and safety."

The court also said Estrada's request "cannot be granted or withheld solely on the basis of the financial capacity of certain private persons to shoulder the expenses for the exercise of the government's duty to take custody and ensure the security and safety of the former President."

Last week, some of Estrada's classmates appeared before the court to offer to pay the cost of transporting him to the Meralco Theater and back to his detention in Tanay, Rizal.

Estrada is undergoing trial for plunder and perjury in the Sandiganbayan Special Division. He is detained at his sprawling estate in Tanay and guarded by a police contingent.

Estrada's lawyer, former Sen. Rene Saguisag, said the defense was disappointed by the Sandiganbayan's decision.

"We are disappointed. Unfortunately, there is no more room to file a reconsideration. This event only [happens] every 50 years. This is not the kind of strict attitude that we see against the Marcoses," he said. *Nelson F. Flores*

RP cheapest to live in, say expats

SINGAPORE—ASIA OFFERS EXPATRIates lower living costs than Western Europe and North America due to the region's steady inflation rates and currencies, according to a survey released Monday.

An annual cost of living study by human resources organization ECA International showed Asia had generally become less expensive for expatriates.

The Philippines, which placed at the bottom of the survey, was the cheapest country to live in followed by Argentina, Thailand and Malaysia.

The region's biggest economy, Japan, slipped one notch down from 2004 to rank as the third most expensive place to live in globally in the survey of 32 countries and territories, according to ECA.

"Japan is now relatively less expensive than it was in 2004 which is due to the fact that the prices of goods and services have continued to fall over the past twelve months," it said.

Norway remained the most expensive country, unchanged from its position in 2004, followed by Denmark which rose one place to rank as the second most costly place for expatriates.

Singapore was ranked 23rd while arch-economic rival Hong Kong placed 18th. South Korea was sixth.

Switzerland placed fourth, followed by Finland in fifth and Ireland in seventh. France was eighth, followed by Sweden, with Britain filling out the top 10. *AFP*

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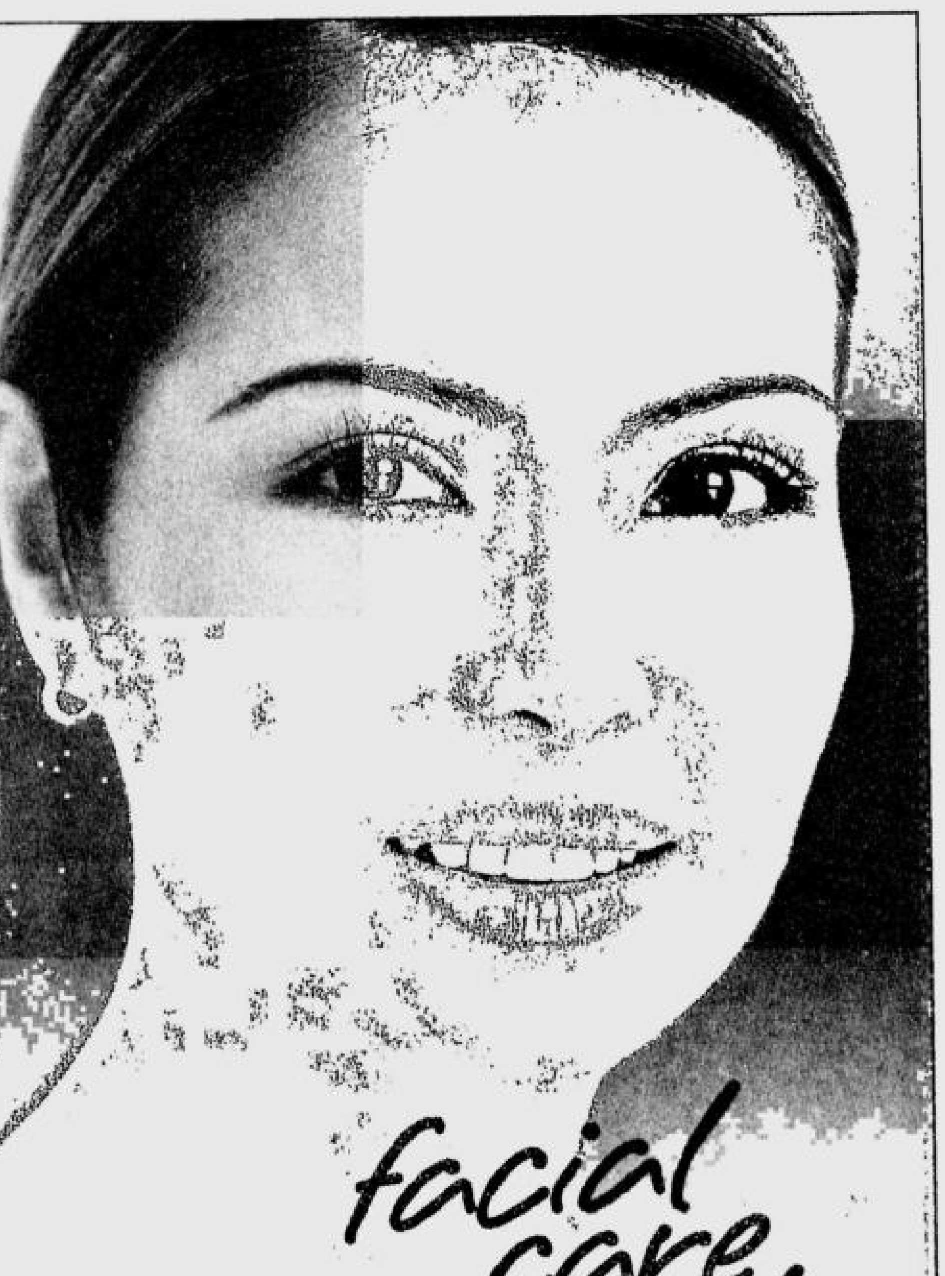

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from the House of Representatives to the Senate.

“It (the impeachment case) was never junked, that was the process. If someone files a case against you for sexual harassment and the fiscal junks it, that’s the legal process. There was no junking, they found basis for the decision,” Defensor said.

He said the extralegal processes were the opposition rallies staged in June and July. Except for one 40,000-strong rally in Makati City, the protests failed to generate huge crowds.

On Sunday, Archbishop Angel Lagdameo told Bro. Manuel de Leon, head of the Marist Brothers of the Philippines, that there should be a “proper closure” to the “Hello Garci” scandal.

“If there is no closure, the issues will just keep coming back,” De Leon quoted Lagdameo as saying.

Lagdameo takes over as head of CBCP on Dec. 1, replacing Archbishop Fernando Capalla, who has been described by critics as “pro-Arroyo.”

Academic review

“I agree with the CBCP, the closure should be done because it is a question of legitimacy. There should never be an iota of doubt on the legitimacy of the President, either she is a legitimate President or an illegitimate President, that’s the bottom line of it,” Defensor said.

If some groups want to pursue the case, he suggested that this be done “academically.”

“If they want an academic review and understanding of the issue, then they should do this outside the realm of propaganda and publicity. I’m not going to prevent them from making an academic study of the issue,” Defensor said.

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He did not address the continued disappearance of former Elections Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano.

When asked to respond to allegations that the Department of Foreign Affairs was coddling Garcillano, Defensor said: “No comment.”

DFA spokesperson Gilberto Asuque maintained that Philippine consulates and embassies were still under orders to report Garcillano sightings.

Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo’s “instructions to all posts for them to relay information on Garcillano to the DFA remains in effect to this day,” he told the INQUIRER.

Opposition disclosures in June of wiretapped telephone conversations purportedly between the President and Garcillano sparked the worst crisis of the 4-year-old Arroyo presidency and calls for her resignation.

Ms Arroyo has apologized for talking to an election official but has vehemently denied she cheated during the polls, declaring that she won “fair and square.”

Political crisis not over

But opposition lawmakers, citing the tapes as proof of Ms Arroyo’s “cheating, lying and stealing,” filed an impeachment complaint in July. The President’s allies effectively killed the complaint in September, widely seen as an attempt to escape the public clamor to learn who really won the elections of May 2004.

Defensor couldn’t exactly say that the political crisis hounding the Arroyo administration was not yet over.

“The wounds that were created are not just political, but there are personal feelings that are involved and we have to work on that,” he said. “It takes a little time or it takes a little understanding for these things to settle down.”

Former Vice President Teofisto Guingona Jr. said one of two things could clear questions on Ms Arroyo’s legitimacy: Opening the contested ballots or Garcillano making an appearance to answer questions on the wiretaps.

“But where is Garci?” Guingona said during the Kapihan sa Manila media forum yesterday. Garcillano flew out of the country in July.

“If you close it now without the satisfactory explanation, the people will be left wanting for information. That’s not closure, that’s suppression,” he said.

Guingona is presiding over hearings of the Citizens’ Congress for Truth and Accountability on alleged cheating in last year’s election.

With reports from Christine O. Avendaño, Volt Contreras and Leila B. Salaverria

Tapes are insignificant, says nat’l security chief

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masse and urged the President to quit as well, saying it was the ultimate sacrifice to save the country from a political crisis.

Gonzales went on sick leave after the Senate cited him in contempt during a hearing on Sept. 21 and ordered him detained after he refused to divulge the details of the government’s lobbying contract with the US-based firm Venable.

Back to work today

The 58-year-old Gonzales suffered from hypertension during the Senate questioning, prompting his hospitalization at the Philippine Heart Center under Senate custody. The Senate agreed to his release on humanitarian grounds on Oct. 26.

Yesterday, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said the President had approved the return to work of Gonzales. This took effect yesterday.

“In view of his physical condition, Gonzales will relinquish the bulk of (his) administrative duties to his deputy and will just concentrate on policy,” Bunye said.

Deputy National Security Adviser Victor Mayo had been acting national security adviser since Gonzales went on medical leave on Oct. 18.

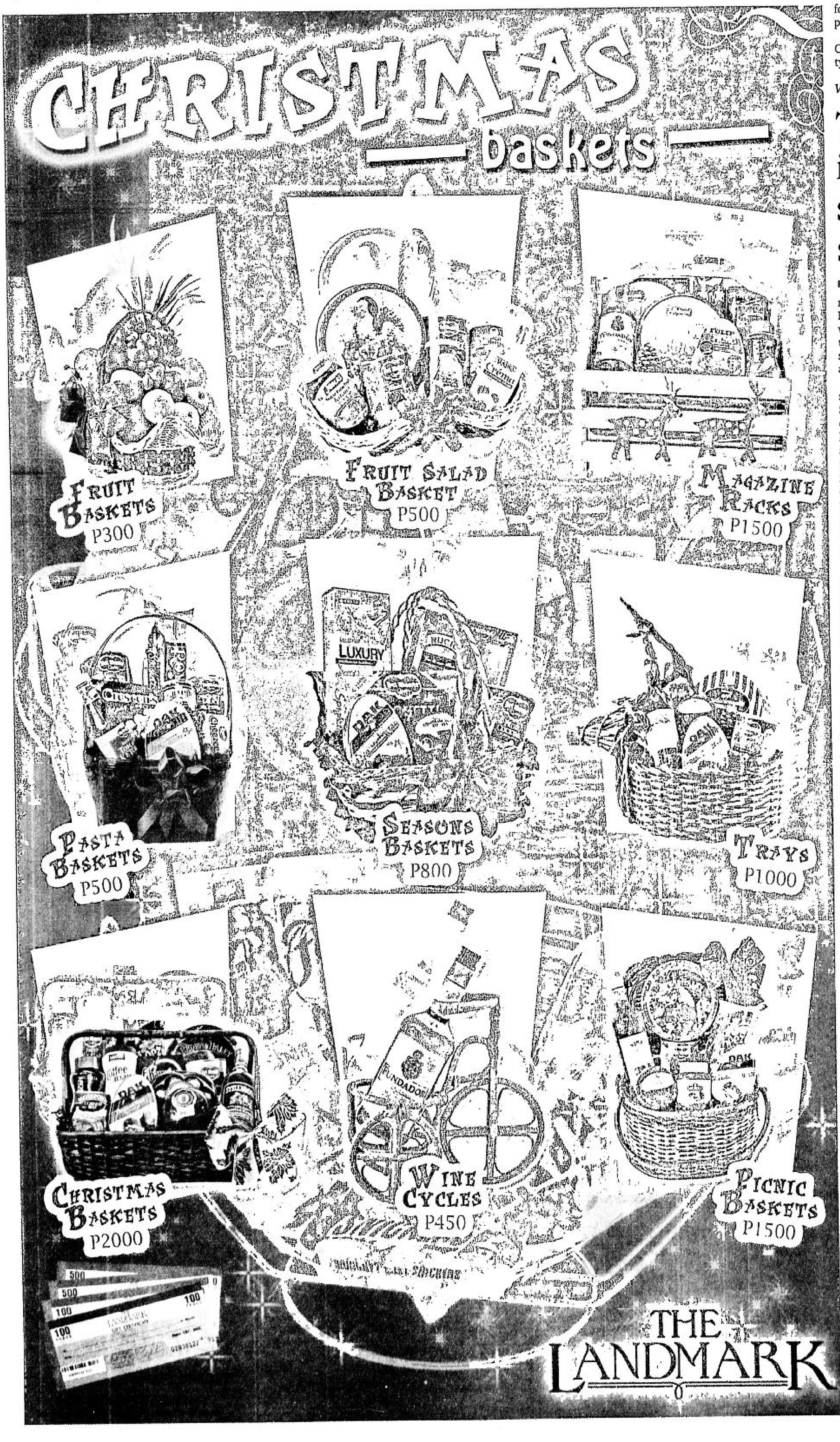
Bunye said Gonzales had advised the President that he was “ready to go to work.” He was expected to attend today’s Cabinet meeting.

“I’m OK,” Gonzales told the INQUIRER in a telephone interview.

He said that while his doctors had advised him to have a bypass operation, he was having another medical examination on Friday to determine his condition.

Gonzales, who has diabetes, admitted that he did not want to undergo an operation and wanted to find out if he could skip it.

Asked whether he was equally prepared to respond to expected calls to be made by senators to resume the hearings on the controversial Venable LLP contract, Gonzales said: “Let’s cross the bridge when we reach it.”



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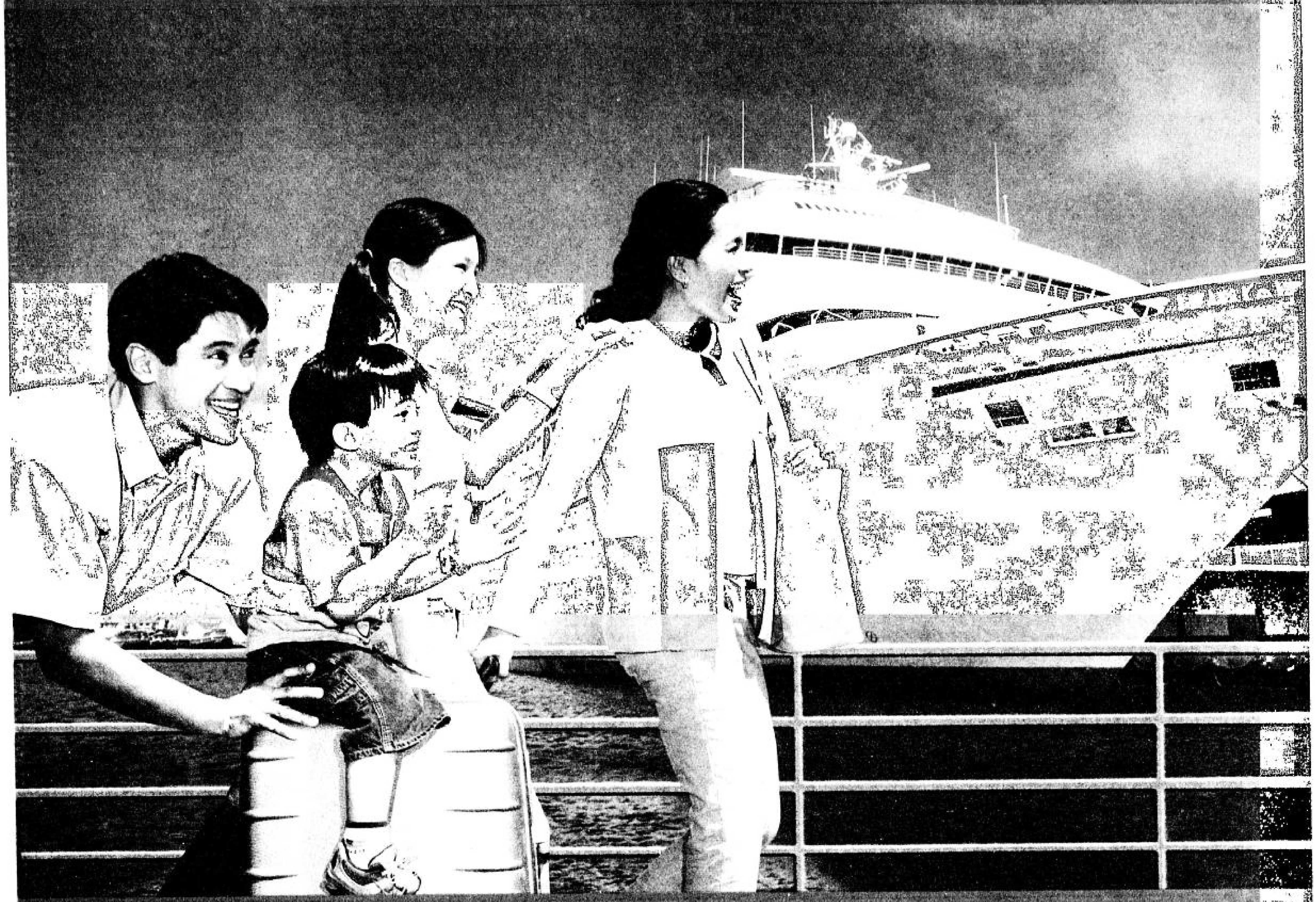

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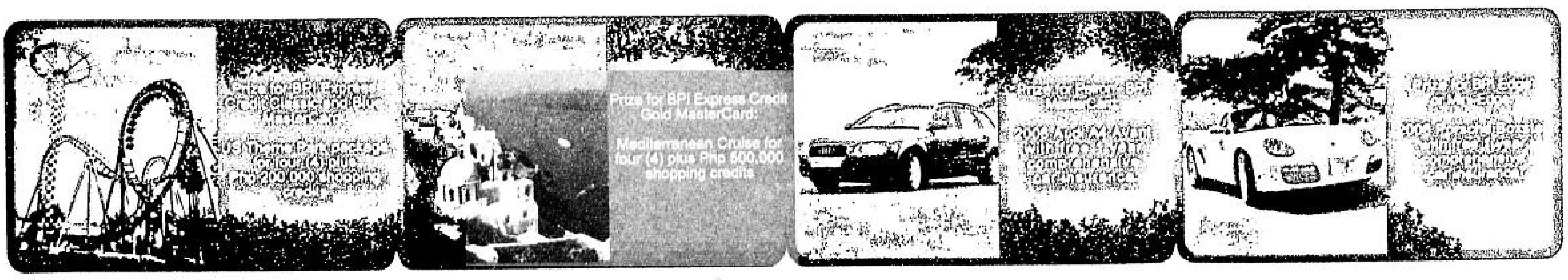

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ABS clears Julius Babao

ABS-CBN NETWORK YESTERDAY cleared its broadcaster Julius Babao of allegations that he had posted bail for a terror suspect, and said that President Macapagal-Arroyo's airing of the false charge "could send a chilling effect" to media.

Citing what it said were the results of its thorough investigation, the network giant said Babao "did not violate any ethical boundaries as a journalist" in pursuing his stories and he would resume his anchoring duties on Nov. 14.

The INQUIRER originally carried the report quoting Ms Arroyo as telling INQUIRER columnist Ramon Tulfo that Babao had provided the bail for Tyrone del Rosario Santos, also known as Dawud, a member of a group of Islamic converts linked by the military to terror bombings. Ms Arroyo had told Tulfo she was citing a military intelligence report.

"After a thorough investigation … ABS-CBN concludes that Julius Babao did not post nor guarantee bail in the case of suspected terrorist Dawud Santos," an ABS-CBN statement said.

"ABS-CBN values its reputation and that of its employees," it said. "That is why we embarked on this exercise of accountability and hope Isafp (Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines) and Malacañang will do the same."

In its report accompanying the statement, the network said: "In this highly charged political environment, this case is unique because the false charges were made by a sitting President, and that could send a chilling effect to all working journalists today."

"Incidents like this only tarnish the reputations of all institutions involved and highlights the demand for greater accountability," it added. "It partly explains why our nation is undergoing a crisis of confidence and faith."

The military did not withdraw its report despite Babao's denials but said later it was based on circumstancial evidence.

ABS-CBN said that in the course of its investigation, intelligence agents it did not identify had admitted to the network that they had little evidence to support the claim and "they never expected their raw intelligence to be revealed publicly."

"Complicating matters further, there is active disinformation circulating that could further damage relations between President Arroyo and ABS-CBN," the investigation report said.

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Senators smell pork in 2 items in budget

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asked government officials to provide details of the two new items in the Malacañang-proposed budget, saying "it's new and [it involves a] substantial amount."

SENATE President Franklin Drilon (left) in a huddle with Finance Secretary Margarito Teves during the hearing on the proposed P1.05-trillion national budget for next year. JESS YUSON

BUDGET Secretary Romulo Neri (right) answers queries during the Senate hearing on the budget. Beside him is Socioeconomic Planning Secretary Augusto Santos. JESS YUSON

Healing fund

The Kilos Asenso Support Fund is part of the P13.7-billion "healing fund" created by the administration of President Macapagal-Arroyo to "heal the wounds" inflicted by the people's revolts of 1986 and 2001 and to address poverty, according to Budget Secretary Romulo Neri.

The healing fund accounted for 10 percent of the P138.1 billion allocated for the President's 10-point agenda.

Neri explained that the Kilos Asenso Support Fund was a counterpart fund, which the national government intended to give to local government units "for development spending" based on their performance.

"In other words, those with the best projects will be given special preference," he said.

Neda to handle funds

The projects would include farm-to-market roads, irrigation and health facilities, reforestation and mangrove rehabilitation.

Asked which agency would handle the disbursement of the fund, Neri said there was an "emerging trend" among local government and budget departments for the National Economic and Development Authority to administer the fund.

Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr., however, pointed out that this was questionable because Neda is a policy-making body.

The Kalayaan Barangay Program Fund is meant for at least 500 "conflict-affected" barangays so they could pursue basic infrastructure work from 2006 to 2010, according to Neri.

All pork

After hearing Neri's explanation, Flavier indicated that he did not fully grasp the concept of the programs.

"I think what you get is that this is a pork barrel," Drilon, chair of the committee of the whole, said. Flavier replied in jest: "It's not even just a barrel. It's all pork."

During a break, Drilon stressed the need for the committee of the whole to look more deeply into the new items.

"So far, it's still very vague. I am sure more questions will be asked," he said.

Slash

Villar went as far as to say that the two funds were among the new items that could likely be slashed from the budget.

"There are a lot of items that could be slashed. We could easily slash P25 billion from the budget," he said, citing the Kilos Asenso Support Fund and the Kalayaan Barangay Program Fund, among others.

The two programs, along with the P13.1-billion fund for any adjustment in the compensation of national government employees, are the new items in the budget.

Villar suggested that the P8 billion be transferred instead to the Department of Health, which is supposed to get P11 billion in the 2006 budget.

"The DOH is hard up. If I had my way, I would give this to the DOH. It would go a long way in helping our people," he said.

Counterpart fund

Neri said local government units initiated the Kilos Asenso Support Fund to support the Medium-Term Development Plan and the President's 10-point agenda, and offered a portion from their Internal Revenue Allotment as seed money.

"The national government in turn, to encourage them to do this, is proposing a P5-billion counterpart fund," he said.

Drilon then suggested that the LGUs generate their own funds, instead of the national government providing the money, for their projects.

"Isn't it better that the counterpart fund should be generated by a locally generated revenue so that the local governments are encouraged to generate local revenue?" he asked.

Neri said that his suggestion would be "incorporated in the guidelines."

Ghosts of impeachment case

The ghosts of the impeachment case against Ms Arroyo surfaced at the budget hearing as opposition Sen. Panfilo Lacson demanded the records of pork barrel disbursements during the impeachment proceedings in the House of Representatives.

In the impeachment complaints, Ms Arroyo was accused of rigging the 2004 elections and of committing other illegal acts. She has denied any wrongdoing.

Lacson asked Neri whether it was true that Ms Arroyo had phoned him at least 15 times at the height of the impeachment hearings.

Privileged information

On the day of the voting, when the House dismissed the impeachment complaints, was it true the President kept Neri by her side supposedly for easy disbursement of funds, the senator asked.

Neri's answer to the two questions: "That's privileged information."

Lacson asked Neri to submit a record of the fund releases to congressmen, governors and mayors during the impeachment hearings. The secretary promised to submit the record in two days.

The senator said he wanted to know how much was released and to whom to prevent a similar occurrence next year when another impeachment complaint can be filed against the President.

"We just wanted to know if he (Neri) would lie and he did not deny," Lacson told reporters later.

He also asked Neri about a P50-million fund allotted to the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (Isafp) in April 2004 or a month before the elections.

House power of purse

He said the allocations in a P20-million and two P15-million installments were released not to the Isafp but to the Department of National Defense then headed by Eduardo Ermita, now the executive secretary.

Lacson said the P50-million allocation was apparently election-related.

At the House, congressmen urged the Senate not to use its budget deliberations to hear issues against the executive branch.

"Partisan proceedings would only resurrect old issues raised against the administration and might again negatively project the government," said Antique Rep. Exequiel Javier, vice chair of the ways and means committee.

House Deputy Majority Leader Antonio Cerilles, for his part, said the power of the purse was a specific function of the House, hence senators should wait for the formal endorsement of the budget proposal by the House instead of preempting it.

"Just as the House has never touched a treaty whose review and ratification belong to the Senate, senators should acknowledge that the power of the purse belongs to the House," Cerilles said. *With reports from Juliet Labog-Javellana and Norman Bordadora*

DepEd memo says anybody but actors; Jinggoy irked

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that high DepEd (Department of Education) officials are inculcating in the impressionable youths?" the actor-turned-senator said in a privilege speech yesterday. The senator is a son of deposed former President Joseph Estrada, himself a former actor.

The object of the young Estrada's ire was Division Letter No. 4 issued by Thelma Bueson, schools division superintendent for Catanduanes to all district supervisors, elementary school heads and teachers.

"When I am already a voter, I will not vote into office actors, actresses, basketball players who do not know their work in Congress because they are not educated for the positions of senator, vice president or president," said the "Guidelines on Patriotism," which was read by Estrada.

Affront

It added that the "actors' role in the movie/TV is not true to their real life."

"I take this as a personal affront not only to my person but also to others like me—humble actors, actresses and basketball players—who have worked hard to prove ourselves worthy of the task and office reposed upon us by the electorate," Estrada said.

He said the "presumptuous school division superintendent has taken it upon herself to provide for the qualifications for the positions of senator, vice president and even president."

Bueson's guidelines undermine the constitutional guarantee of access to public office regardless of one's profession and standing in life, according to Estrada.

He said the guidelines also treated voters who voted for actors in a condescending manner.

The senator demanded to know why Bueson had singled out those from the entertainment industry.

Mediocre

"Although we in the movie and entertainment industries do not declare to possess higher qualifications than other professionals, we are not less qualified than the others," Estrada said.

But he acknowledged that not all actors and basketball players were suited for public service.

"One would-be actor comes to mind whose lamentable films are virtual flops. It is no surprise that his performance in public service is also deemed mediocre at best today," he said, alluding to President Macapagal-Arroyo's son, Pampanga Rep. Juan Miguel "Mikey" Arroyo, who also dabbles in movies.

"His mother acts better in front of the cameras," the senator said.

Estrada then enumerated the actors and actresses who do or did well in public service, including Lipa Mayor Vilma Santos, ex-Sen. Vicente Sotto III, Quezon City Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista, and his own father.

He also mentioned former US President Ronald Reagan, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenneger and Carmel (California) Mayor Clint Eastwood.

The entertainment industry is represented in the Senate by Estrada, Sen. Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr. and Sen. Manuel "Lito" Lapid.

Summon Bueson

While interpellating Estrada, Revilla asked the Senate to summon Bueson before it would approve the DepEd's budget.

The department's budget is scheduled for review by the Senate as a committee of the whole this week.

The DepEd appealed to legislators yesterday not to reduce its proposed budget of P119 billion so it could address the shortage of classrooms, teachers and textbooks.

Its officer in charge, Fe Hidalgo, told reporters that the yearly budget for education would always be "insufficient" to solve the problems in public education and that Congress should in fact raise the department's budget.

DepEd officials led by Hidalgo are set to defend their budget before the House appropriations committee on Nov. 26.

"Everybody should understand that it (education budget) is always insufficient. Therefore, we need to add more even without asking. The amount we are asking really amounts to catching up (with the deficits). So I appeal to Congress and I hope the P119 billion will push through," she said.

Kneel before congressmen

For 2005, P112 billion was allocated for the DepEd.

If need be, DepEd officials will "kneel in front" of the members of the House just to get the department's budget passed, according to Hidalgo.

She explained that for next year, the deficit in the number of classrooms would reach around 18,000. The P2.6 billion that the DepEd has allocated to build classrooms in elementary and secondary public schools will be enough to build only 6,000 classrooms. As a result, the DepEd will still have a deficit of 12,000 rooms next year, she said.

She also said the department would need more instructional materials.

"In Congress, we keep talking about the poor quality (of education). We should rather talk about how we can solve these problems by increasing the budget," Hidalgo said.

Salaries

She said the DepEd would have to find other sources to augment its budget. "We really have to look for innovative solutions like getting our partners like the local government units and the business sector to build schools. And we succeeded in this the last few years."

Eighty-eight percent of the DepEd's budget goes to the payment of salaries of half a million public school teachers. The rest of the amount goes to operating expenses and other projects.

If Congress approves its budget, the department will spend P1.96 billion to decongest classrooms by sending public school students to private schools under the Government Assistance to Teachers and Students in Private Education.

A total of P1.8 billion will be spent for new textbooks in English and Makabayan subjects, P1.64 billion for feeding programs, P1.2 billion for hiring 10,000 new teachers, P581 million for the English proficiency program for teachers and in-service training, P260 million for the computerization program, P250 million for the preschool program, and P100 million for the madrasah program for Muslim students.

Camarines Sur Rep. Rolando Andaya, chair of the House appropriations committee, had said the House would try to pass the education budget "without cuts."

In a radio interview, Sen. Manuel Villar, chair of the Senate finance committee, lamented that more money was allocated for debt servicing in the proposed budget for 2006 than for health and education.

Defensor says readers want show biz news

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news, especially about so-called winners, Defensor said the President was not asking the media to come out with good news about her and her administration but about the "good" things happening around the country.

Balanced news

"I think slowly people are changing their tastes when it comes to listening or reading about things and they seem to prefer subjects that are light," he told reporters.

"In newspapers and in television, show biz news ... are taking a more popular position," Defensor added.

He said "just coming up with good news is good for the country."

Defensor said Ms Arroyo's statement about the media last week was not an assessment of the press but an appeal for them to "balance the news and to come out with good news, not only in good governance."

Mini-tempest

"If you read between the lines, what she is asking for is for her to be given the fair chance for the good news to come out, not only her administration but society in general, like reporting about the good being done by a citizen," he said.

Ms Arroyo stirred a mini-tempest in a meeting with broadcasters when she called on the media not to allow itself to be used as pawns in efforts to destabilize her administration and said people wanted stories about economic gains.

Mood swings

Sen. Panfilo Lacson ridiculed Ms Arroyo's statements that, according to him, lambasted her critics one day and offered reconciliation the next.

"It's just one of her mood swings. We have to give allowance to her mood swings," Lacson said.

A senior Roman Catholic bishop expressed support for the media.

In a statement, Archbishop Oscar Cruz of Lingayen-Dagupan said it was wrong to demand that the media go overboard in reporting good news considering that good news was "few and far between" under the Arroyo administration.

Good news hard to find

He said good news was all the more hard to find because the public saw the government as a "bad dream."

The prelate suggested that Ms Arroyo and her allies listen to phone-in radio programs to gauge for themselves how the public felt about her governance.

"The bad things they say about the government are appalling," he said. "The public officials they consider bad are rather many and infamous."

He said much of the frustration lay in the absence of avenues for redress, apparently after administration lawmakers junked the impeachment complaint against Ms Arroyo.

Nowhere to go

"Many government institutions are now either nonfunctional or distrusted," Cruz said.

"People feel they have no place to go for redress. That is why they simply go to the streets, stage public protests, put up even a citizen's congress and media [have] no choice but to publish what [they are] a witness of."

Cruz said the media remained "tall and standing" despite the presence of some who had "caved in to pressure and influence."

"A great number of the media practitioners remain true to their profession. They are neither for sale nor in fact sold," he said.

"There is still hope for the Filipinos if media practitioners stay on course, bringing to the knowledge of the public the best about the citizens and the worst about their present government." *With reports from Juliet Labog-Javellana and Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

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Unskilled OFWs may be fielded for lower wages

THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT Administration may soon allow the deployment of unskilled overseas Filipino workers even for less than the government-imposed US$200 per month minimum wage.

POEA administrator Rosalinda Baldoz said, however, the deployment of unskilled OFWs through the agency's special hiring program would only be allowed through package deals.

The unskilled OFWs' recruiters would be required to shoulder their placement fees, Baldoz said.

Also, the recruits should come from areas of the Philippines classified as poverty zones.

The main beneficiaries of the program would mainly be domestics, the POEA chief said.

The Department of Labor and Employment, meanwhile, yesterday urged local government units to develop financial programs to help their needy constituents get jobs abroad.

Labor Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas cited the "fly now, pay later" program implemented by the municipal government of Banaybanay, Davao Oriental, which has sent 26 of its residents to the Middle East.

The local government is paying for the placement of a second batch of 30 overseas job applicants.

The program, embodied in a municipal ordinance, also helps the would-be OFWs land high-paying jobs so they could easily pay back the placement and other fees advanced to them.

Sto. Tomas said Banaybanay Public Employment Services Office manager Inonjare Solidaga had proposed the measure to Mayor Pedro Mejos.

The program provides the migrant workers with a loan to pay for the fees necessary for their overseas deployment.

The beneficiaries are charged a minimal one-percent interest per month until the loan is paid.

The labor chief said programs such as Banaybanay's provide a level playing field for those who want to work abroad but do not have the means. She encouraged local governments to develop similar programs. *Jerome Aning*

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1st Reading: 2Mac 6:18-31
Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

When Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the city, a man named Zaccheus was there. He was a tax collector and a wealthy man. He wanted to see what Jesus was like, but he was a short man and could not see because of the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed up a sycamore tree. From there he would be able to see Jesus who had to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zaccheus, come down quickly for I must stay at your house today." So Zaccheus hurried down and received him joyfully.

All the people who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to the house of a sinner as a guest." But Zaccheus spoke to Jesus, "The half of my goods, Lord, I give to the poor, and if I have cheated anyone, I will pay him back four times as much." Looking at him Jesus said, "Salvation has come to this house today, for he is also a true son of Abraham. The Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost."

Commentary

A follower is added to the company of Jesus-Zaccheus the tax collector who climbs a tree to try and catch sight of Jesus. For his trouble, Jesus invites himself to his house for dinner! And in gratitude, even when others grumble against him he radically changes his life. He gives one-half of his goods to the poor and does justice, returning four-fold anything that he might have cheated in another. Amazing! And Jesus rejoices over a lost sheep found. This was thought to be the criteria for baptism in Luke's community: what if we turned our lives around with one-half to the poor and four-fold restitution for those we have treated unjustly? Is it even thinkable? Lord, may we respond generously to your invitation to sit and eat with you and dine and dwell with you in your kingdom.

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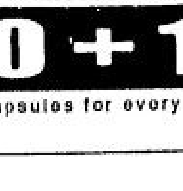

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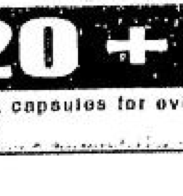

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Failed hotel bomber confesses on TV

AMMAN—A IRAQI WOMAN CAPTURED BY JORdan and accused of taking part in a suicide attack confessed on television Sunday to joining a wedding party at an Amman hotel and then unsuccessfully trying to blow herself up.

Wearing a white head scarf and an ill-fitting black coat, Sajida Mubarak Atrous al-Rishawi was composed and spoke in calm voice as she told of her role in what authorities say was four-person mission targeting three hotels, an operation that killed 57 people and injured close to 100.

Rishawi was arrested earlier Sunday as Jordanian security services stepped up a campaign to nab other suspects behind the three devastating attacks that have been blamed on al-Qaida's Iraq frontman Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

Rishawi, 35 but appearing older than her years, said she and her husband entered Jordan by car on Nov. 5 carrying fake Iraqi passports and made their way on Nov. 9 to the Radisson SAS hotel, where a wedding was in progress.

"I took one corner and my husband took another corner. There was a wedding party at the hotel with women, men and children. My husband carried out the operation. I tried to detonate (the explosives belt) but it didn't go, so I left.

"People came running out and I came out with them," Rishawi recalled in a calm and steady voice.

The attack at the Radisson killed the groom's father and the man who was to have been his father-in-law.

While her husband, Ali Hussein al-Shammari, also 35, blew himself up at the Radisson, their accomplices, Rawwad Jasem Mohammed Abed and Safa' Mohammed Ali, were carrying out similar missions at two other Amman luxury hotels, the Hyatt and Days Inn, according to Jordanian officials.

Deputy Prime Minister Marwan Moasher said that the decision to air Rishawi's confession was taken to give the Jordanian people some relief.

"She will be tried in a Jordanian court. And she will get a fair trial."

Authorities have said 12 people have been detained and are considered suspects in the killings.

"The investigation is not over with the arrest of this woman," Moasher said.

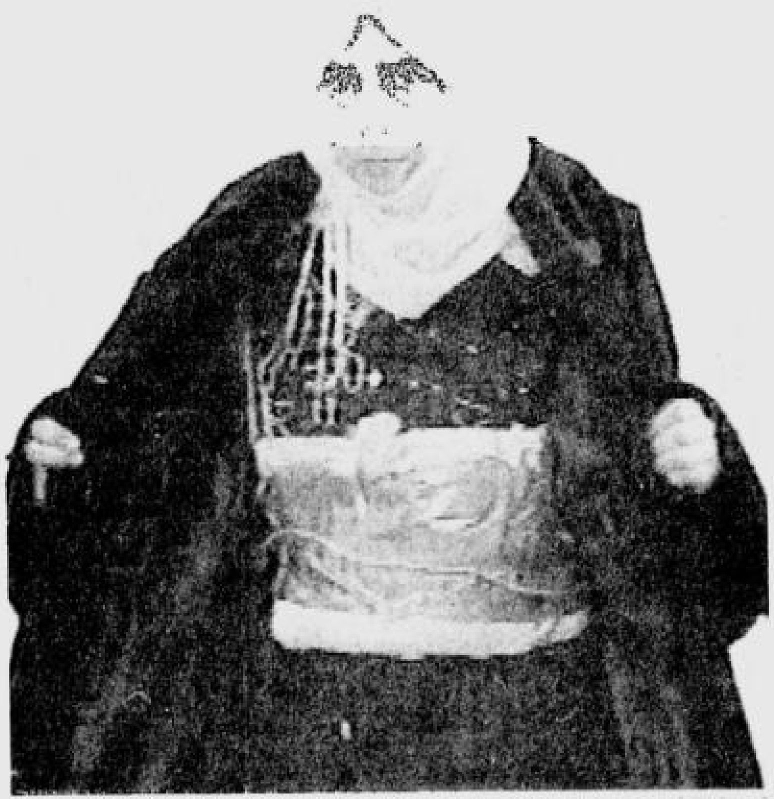
Moasher said Rishawi's brother, Samer Mubarak al-Rishawi, had been a key aide to Zarqawi before his death earlier this year in the restive western Iraqi town of Fallujah.

Jordanian-born Zarqawi was released from jail in 1999 as part of general amnesty granted by Jordan's King Abdullah II but was last year sentenced to death by a Jordanian court for the 2002 murder of a US diplomat.

"We are going to crack down and take the fight to Zarqawi," King Abdullah vowed in an interview with CNN on Saturday.

"We have been very successful in taking down his operations in the past … (when) he used Jordanians. Now he has changed tactics, he is using foreigners. That means that our security services have to change tactics too."

King Abdullah described the actions of the suicide bombers as "insane." *AFP*



SCARY image from television shows Iraqi Sajida Mubarak Atrous al-Rishawi opening her jacket and showing an explosive belt as she confesses on Jordanian state-run television Nov. 13 to her failed bid to set off an explosives belt inside one of the three Amman hotels targeted by al-Qaida. AP

Suicide bomber hits Baghdad; UN warns of rights violations

BAGHDAD—A SUICIDE CAR BOMBER ON Monday attacked a convoy outside Baghdad's high-security "Green Zone," killing three, as the UN warned of human rights violations by all sides in war-torn Iraq.

The bomber rammed one of three civilian sports utility vehicles traveling in a convoy, just outside one of the main entrances to the heavily fortified "Green Zone," home to the US and British Embassies and to Iraqi leaders, nicknamed "Assassins' Gate" by US forces.

Three people were killed and two wounded in the attack, an interior ministry official said.

US forces immediately cordoned off the area, while Apache attack helicopters circled overhead.

Amid the violence, a UN rights report warned that "the proliferation of armed militias, criminal and terrorist organizations acting with impunity constitutes a major challenge to law and order and a threat to the security of the civilian population."

"Iraqi authorities need to focus on fighting widespread impunity, which if not addressed, will further undermine the rule of law and peaceful coexistence," it added.

The UN Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI) bimonthly report, covering September and October, suggested that Iraqi police and special forces abuse human rights during security sweeps, while insurgents' bombings of civilians risks sparking intercommunal clashes.

"Large parts of Iraq continue to experience a general breakdown of law and order," it said, adding that "hundreds of civilians have been killed and wounded as a result of terrorist attacks, targeted assassinations and extrajudicial execution-style killings."

"Massive security operations by the Iraqi police and special forces continue to disregard instructions announced in August 2005 by the minister of interior to safeguard individual guarantees during searches and detaining operations. *AFP*

UK troops may quit in a year–Iraq leader

LONDON—IRAQI FORCES WILL BE READY TO replace British troops in one year, Iraqi President Jalal Talabani said Sunday, adding his voice to growing predictions that US-led coalition forces could soon begin a major pullout.

Talabani's comments came as the Iraqi national security advisor said that 30,000 of the foreign troops currently stationed in Iraq will withdraw by mid-2006, although US forces in Baghdad made clear no decisions had been made.

"We don't want British forces forever in Iraq. Within one year—I think at the end of 2006—Iraqi troops will be ready to replace British forces in the south," Talabani told ITV1 television.

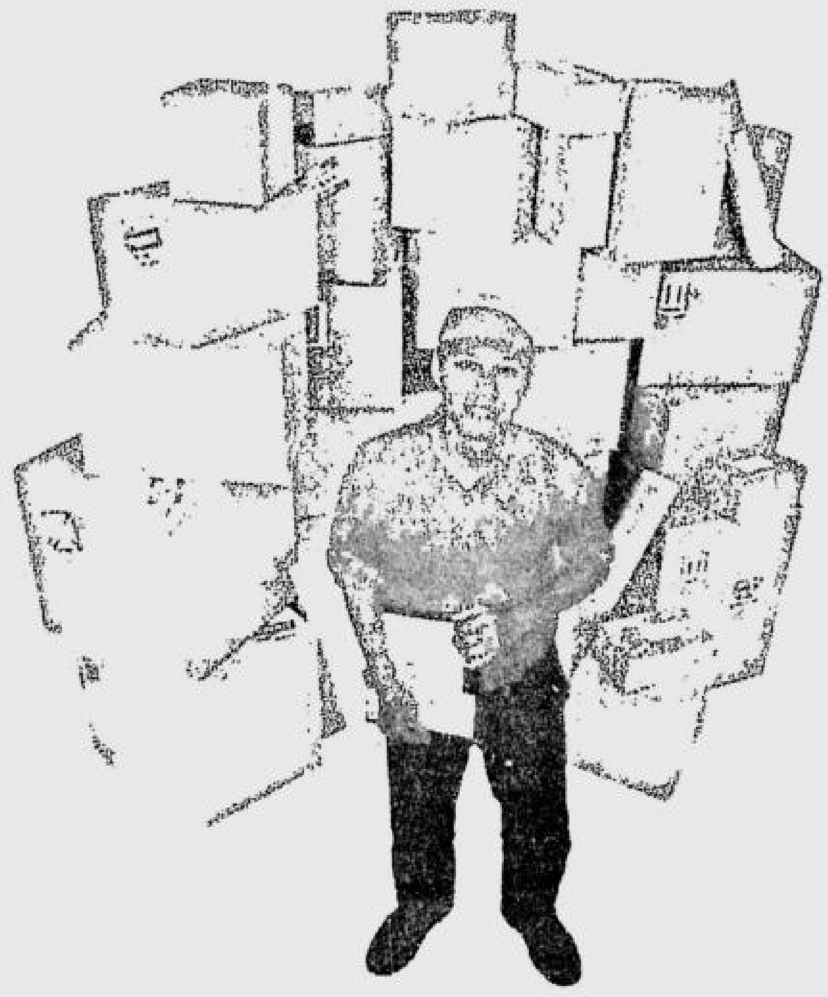
Defense Secretary John Reid showed no disagreement with Talabani's stance, saying that British troops could begin handing over security duties to Iraqi forces within a year.

"This process of handover to the Iraqis is one which could begin in the course of the coming year," he said. "President Talabani's comments are consistent with our aims," he said.

Asked whether he was making a commitment, Talabani replied: "Well, I haven't been in negotiations, but in my opinion and according to my study of the situation I can say that it is the just estimation of the situation …"

Some 8,000 British troops based in the southern city of Basra have been in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003 that toppled Saddam Hussein.

US forces in Iraq currently number just over 150,000 and other coalition forces just under 22,000. *AFP*



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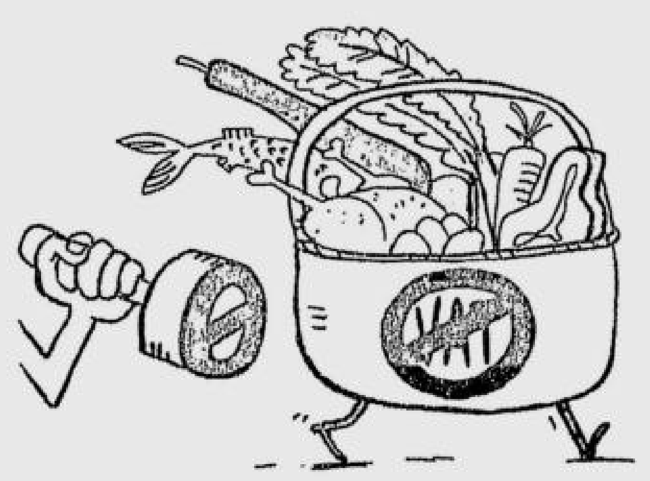

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France to extend antiriot powers

PARIS—THE FRENCH government said on Monday it would ask parliament to grant a three-month extension to emergency powers it invoked to help curb the worst urban violence in almost 40 years.

Although the violence dropped again overnight, police said youths destroyed 374 vehicles in petrol bomb attacks in the 18th straight night of unrest in poor suburbs in the Paris region and major provincial cities.

Disturbances erupted on Oct. 27 after the deaths of two youths apparently fleeing police but grew into a wider protest by youths of African and North African origin at racism, poor job prospects and their sense of exclusion from French society.

Government spokesperson Jean-Francois Cope told Europe 1 radio that Monday's special Cabinet session would send to the National Assembly a bill extending the 12-day emergency powers act by three months from Nov. 21, when the current measures expire.

"The bill allows the government to end them by decree before the expiry date if that is compatible with the goal of restoring public order," Cope said.

On Nov. 8 the government of Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin revived a 50-year-old colonial-era law to grant prefects, the government's top local officials, broad powers to impose curfews and other restrictions on designated areas.

The conservative government decree named 38 towns, cities and urban areas around France, including the capital Paris.

However, few prefects have made use of the new powers.

It was unclear how the substantial extension of the life of the emergency powers would be greeted by the opposition Socialists, who invoked the same 1955 law when in government in the 1980s.

Some local mayors have already criticized the measure as an overreaction and potentially inflammatory. The government has a comfortable majority in parliament and the measure should pass with ease. *Reuters*

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Jump in flu cases

JAKARTA—Indonesia said on Monday a 16-year-old youth is suffering from bird flu and several other countries also reported more suspected cases in people. Avian influenza is known to have killed 64 people in Asia and infected 125. There are at least a dozen other suspected cases as governments in Asia struggle to control outbreaks in poultry to prevent more people from catching the H5N1 avian flu virus that experts fear could trigger a pandemic. Adding to the sense of alarm, a team of scientists say they know why the virus has proved so deadly in people, while researchers in Vietnam say H5N1 has mutated into a form that allows it to replicate more easily inside humans and other mammals. Indonesia, Vietnam and China all said on Monday they had had more suspicious cases in people, while Thailand said a toddler confirmed infected with bird flu was recovering. *Reuters*

US image worsening

BUSAN, South Korea—The United States is losing prestige across Asia due to the policies of President George W. Bush's administration that are also destabilizing the region, according to a poll of senior business executives released Monday. At the same time, the 114 business leaders surveyed by the Hong Kong-based Political and Economic Risk Consultancy said Washington still had strong relations with the countries where they work. Nearly 90 percent of those questioned said the trend of US prestige in Asia was decreasing, with less than 7 percent saying it was stable and just 3.4 percent saying Washington's image was on the rise. Two-thirds of respondents also said Bush's policies were destabilizing Asia. *AP*

Biggest Aussie protest

SYDNEY—Australian workers will stage the biggest protest in the country's history Tuesday, bringing major cities to a halt over planned labor reforms, trade unionists warned Monday. Hundreds of thousands of people, including teachers, nurses, police and firefighters were expected to take part in the demonstration but disruptions to transport and schools would be kept to a minimum, organizers said. "The (John) Howard government and their employer cheer-squad have transformed (Tuesday's) meeting into the biggest display of civil disobedience this country has ever witnessed," said Unions New South Wales secretary John Robertson. The proposed new labor laws, which cut the power of unions in favor of individual workplace contracts, were passed by the lower house of parliament last week and go before the Senate later this month. *AFP*

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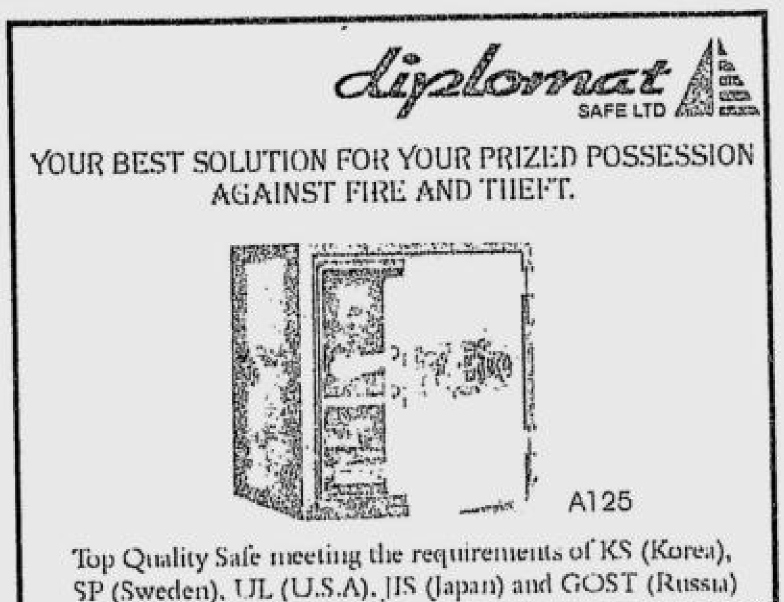
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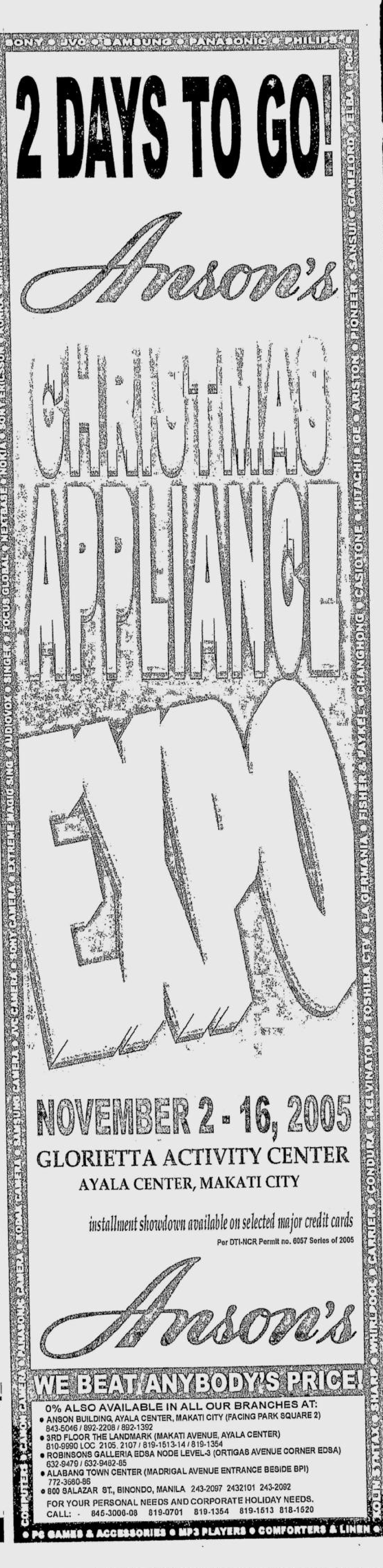
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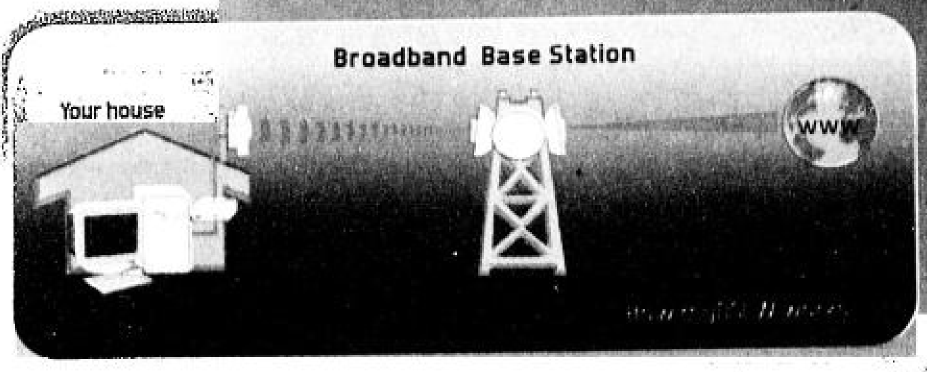

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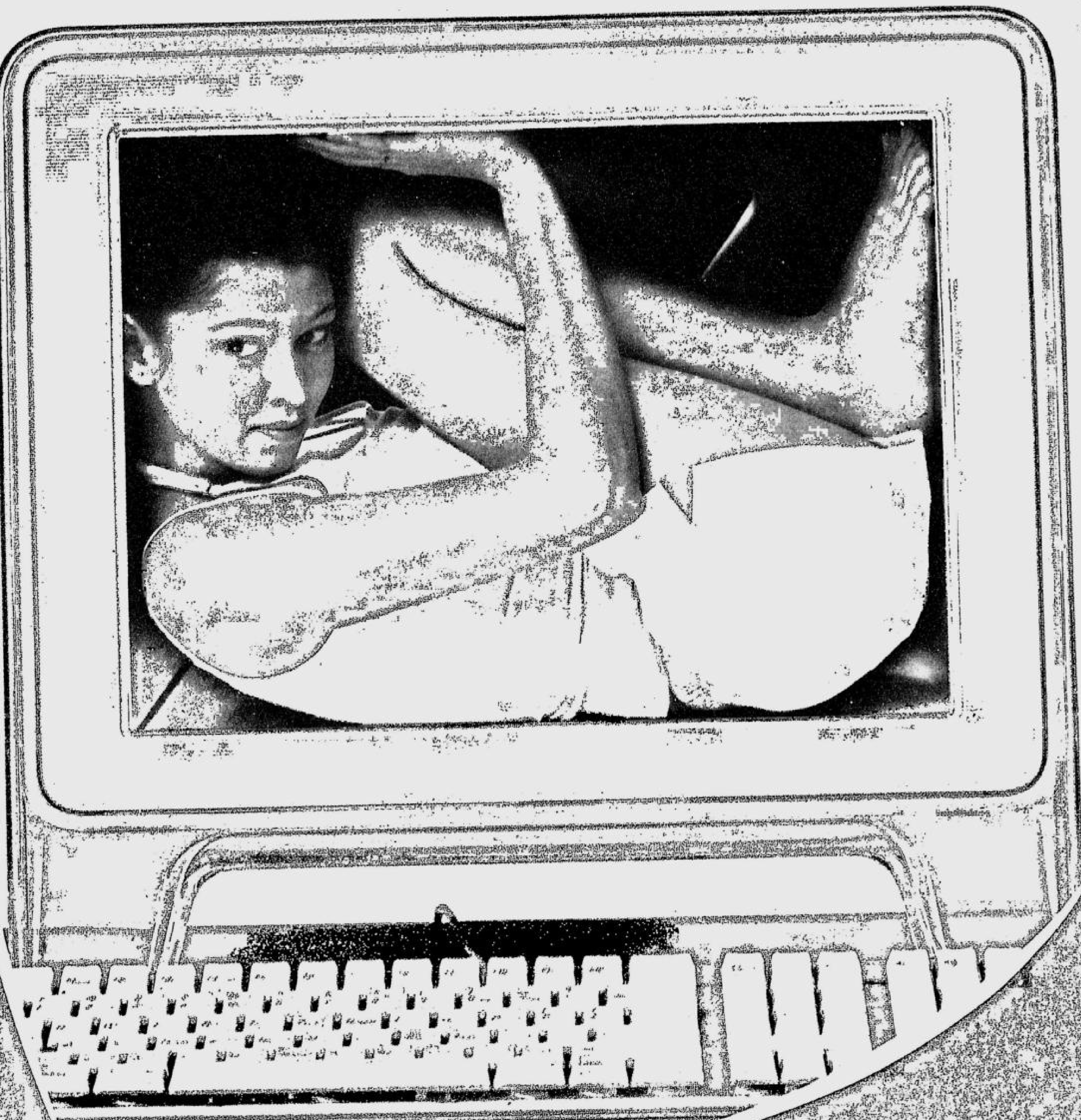

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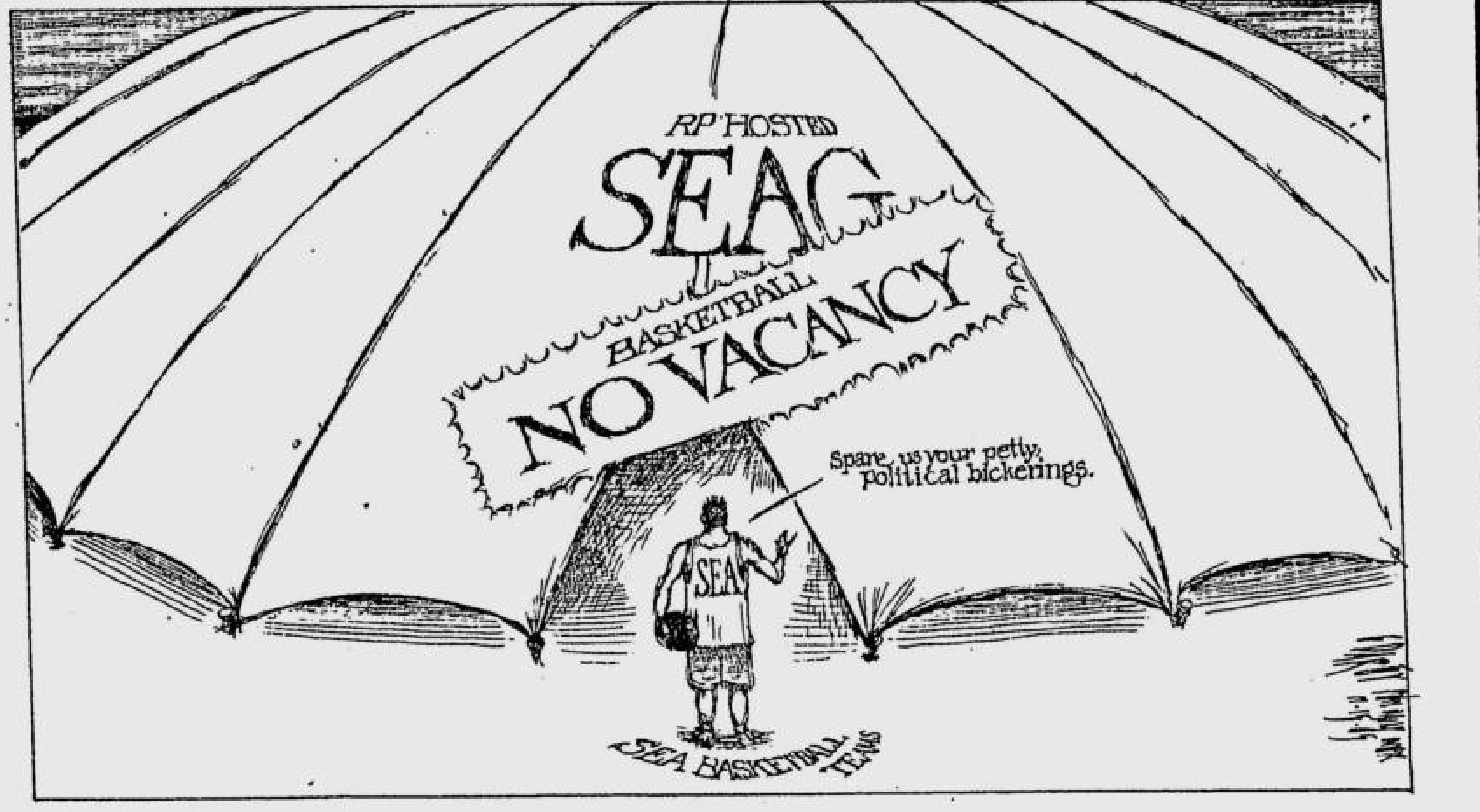

EDITORIALS

Ultimate repression

IN A REPORT PUBLISHED RECENTLY IN THE INTERnet and other media, Reporters Sans Frontieres (Reporters Without Borders) said that the Philippines ranked 139th among 167 countries in the World Press Freedom Index. RSF said the index measures the state of press freedom all over the world. "The index reflects the degree of freedom journalists and news organizations enjoy in each country, and the efforts made by states to respect and ensure respect for this freedom," the RSF said.

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye was quick to dispute the RSF report. He said the report does not reflect reality, particularly its conclusion that the unusually big number of killings of journalists indicates the suppression of press freedom.

But isn't the killing of journalists the ultimate and the worst kind of suppression of press freedom? How can a journalist practice press freedom when he is already dead? In the provinces especially, it's easy to suppress the freedom of journalists with whose reports and views one does not agree: simply eliminate him with extreme prejudice, as intelligence agencies would say. Many of the journalists killed were described as "crusading" and "hard-hitting."

From 1986 to date, 69 journalists have been killed in the Philippines. Except for two cases where the suspected triggermen have been arrested and the judicial process has started to grind, no case has been resolved finally, with the masterminds apprehended, prosecuted and jailed. Several journalists' organizations, including the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists, have described the Philippines as the most murderous country for media people. In this regard, it has beaten even Iraq where a war is taking place, and Colombia where an all-out campaign is being waged against the press by drug lords.

The killing of journalists in the Philippines continues because of the culture of impunity. The President and her men mouth a lot of rhetoric about protecting journalists and ensuring press freedom, but they have not produced any results when it comes to arresting, prosecuting and jailing the killers of news people.

Deprivation

Filipino journalists are vulnerable not only to physical attack but also to economic deprivation. Except for some leading organizations, media outlets do not pay high salaries. Some journalists, to be able to meet the needs of their families, take on other jobs that put them in conflict of interest situations and compromise their editorial independence and professional integrity. How can these journalists be said to be practicing press freedom when they are beholden to certain political or economic groups?

It is true that the Arroyo administration is not yet suppressing press freedom but it is moving in that direction. The President, like former President Estrada before her, wants the good, positive stories about her and her administration to be played up in the media. If she would have her way, the bad and negative stories would be suppressed, and swept, as it were, under the rug. Recently, she even led some reporters to some news subjects and told them to interview them. The editors and reporters, who have hundreds of years of experience in journalism between them, know their business. Why doesn't she let them make their own decisions?

The ranking given to the Philippines by Reporters Sans Frontieres in the World Press Freedom index may appear to be very low, but it is not entirely without basis. Some journalists whose families face hunger and deprivation because of the declining economy are forced to exchange editorial freedom for bread. And unless the government, with the help of the media themselves and the entire society puts a stop to the culture of impunity, the killings of journalists will continue. Only when journalists can safely practice their profession without fear of economic deprivation or physical annihilation can the Philippines reclaim its place among countries with a high degree of press freedom.

'Biocide' for the asking

VIEWPOINT

Juan L. Mercado

"THE FOREST IS OF UNLIMITED KINDNESS and benevolence. It makes no demand for its sustenance, affords protection to all, offering shade even to axemen who destroy it" —Buddha.

Samar's Catholic bishops have bucked the government's lifting of a 16-year-old logging ban in this East Visayan island. Their statement shifts the controversy's focus away from legal mishmash to how the axemen's return will impact on Samar's biodiversity and impoverished people.

Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile and his San Jose Timber Corp. claim "prior rights to Samar's old growth forest," Bishops Jose Palma, Emmanuel Trance, Leonardo Medroso and Angel Hobayan wrote. That "legal assertion does not reflect true justice or morality."

"The people of Samar have prior rights," insist the prelates of Calbayog, Catarman and Borongan. "Justice dictates that the natural wealth of Samar Island benefit Samar's poor, not end up (with) the already wealthy few." Didn't 104 countries underscore, in the Jakarta Declaration of 1979, that "forests are for people"?

Environment Secretary Michael Defensor ignored that by ruling that SJTC can log within a 95,770-ha area that straddles nature parks in protected zones. "If the environmentalists want to expropriate my property, let them do it," Enrile said, fuming. "But they can't tell me how to handle our rights."

Defensor doesn't know when to stop. He even extended SJTC's permit for 16 more years. Will he and Enrile be around to pick up the pieces then? Now, he's rushing to sign an order (AO 2005?) on coastal area special arrangements that'd be another Samar.

The bishops' statement clears the deck for basic questions. Is the island's forest so vital ecologically that it should be retained? If not, will firms log responsibly?

International scientists rank Samar among the world's richest biodiversity sites. "It has incredible value," marvels Patrick Durst, Food and Agriculture Organization regional forester. The largest unfragmented tracts of lowland tropical rainforests cluster in Samar. In fact, 120,000 hectares are still "old growth forest."

Add to that the country's most extensive plantings of the rare *almaciga* (agathis philippinensis). In the 1970s, then SJTC manager Art Balch and now DENR technical director in Caraga Cris Quizon experimented with the endangered *almaciga*. The results were impressive, says an international forester. They could provide guidelines for future *almaciga* planting. But logging resumption would undo this path-breaking effort. "And by now, the trees (they) planted are large enough to tempt loggers."

Some 400 of Samar's 2,300-plus species of flowers bloom nowhere else in the world. And 12 kinds of trees and plants are threatened with extinction. There are 39 species of mammals and 197 birds—16 endangered.

"No species disappears alone," the late FAO regional representative Ubaidullah Khan told Asian Institute of Technology graduates. "When it slides over the cliff, so do the genes—building blocks of life. This (biocide) forecloses options for our grandchildren. No mechanism can recall from obliteration. Extinction is forever."

But these facts cut little ice in an elite that swears by the yardstick: "Self worth equals net worth, preferably in hard currency." So, what's the price tag for Samar's biodiversity?

More than $40 billion in 25 years, answers Marcelino Dalmacio, who led the UN's Samar Biodiversity Project. "That's more than the projected value of bauxite minerals," Dalamcio's technical estimates show. "And it's definitely greater than timber."

But water is the most important product, asserts Dalmacio, now a UN officer in Vietnam. Water accounts for more than 80 percent of total estimated value. "Water will suffer the consequences of logging and mining, particularly in karst (limestone) areas." Underground cave systems in the country's largest karst region would crumble from logging trucks.

Selective logging, in areas not critical for biodiversity protection and other irreplaceable values, allows forests to regenerate. FAO's publication "In Search of Excellence" provides Asian examples. But not in the Philippines. Weak law enforcement results in the litmus: Will the axemen chainsaw by the rule book?

Yes, says Enrile who is dogged by credibility issues. His supposed right "was given at the end of the barrel of a gun," snapped Jose Mabulay Jr., co-manager of the UN's $12.8-million Samar Biodiversity Project. SJTC got its extension in 1982 when Enrile was Marcos' defense minister.

He also figured in the *dagdag-bawas* electoral controversy plus the "Craven Eleven's" suppression of evidence in Erap's impeachment. These issues have nothing to do with forestry. But they have everything to do with public perception.

Even responsible loggers are handcuffed to the sordid legacy of reckless axemen who, after they've creamed the timber, scram. Look at Mindanao.

Interlocking problems from deforestation to climate change and water shortages have spurred religious and ecological groups to band together. "Their emerging perspective is a new story," writes Harvard's cultural historian Thomas Berry. "Its ethics deal, not just with homicide and suicide, but with biocide and geocide."

"It is human beings who are at stake," Pope John Paul II writes. "We must use the earth, not forgetting that generations who will succeed us must receive it from our hands habitable and fruitful." That includes Samar.

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Law

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

THE ONE THING THAT STICKS OUT LIKE A sore thumb about driver Timoteo Soriano's revised version of what happened in Subic is his saying that the cop who took down his statement forced him to say gang rape. "Fyke Torres (the investigating officer)," he now says, "punched me twice in the back and said he would charge me as an accomplice to rape if I denied the gang rape."

I do not know why any cop in Subic, Richard Gordon's favorite place which has "America forever" draped across it, would be so anxious to pin down an American for wrongdoing. Indeed, not just one American but five, and not just for lewd behavior but for gang rape. Torres should sign up for a position in the police force of Baghdad. The Iraqis will welcome him with open arms.

The victim, Soriano says in his new version, was in fact drinking and hugging with Daniel Smith and doing "dirty dancing" with him along with other couples on the dance floor of Neptune Bar. She left the bar able to walk straight and went with the Americans in the van. She and Smith later argued, Smith calling her "bitch." They drove on for a while and then one of the soldiers said, "I'm done." Soriano saw that the woman's trousers were down. But after the soldier said "I'm done," his buddies helped her pull up her pants. When they all left the van, the woman wasn't crying.

It is big-time recantation. In this version, Soriano does not deny that something happened inside the van but leaves more than enough room for a shadow of doubt to creep in and suggest that what did happen might not have been rape. While retaining a detail or two to suggest some ugliness in the incident—Smith calling the woman "bitch"—Soriano points to consensual sex with all his other details: the drinking and hugging, the dirty dancing, his testimony that the woman entered the van willingly and left it less than tearfully.

I am tempted to say that, thankfully, we have other witnesses to refute this. Those other witnesses say the woman was carried out like a pig and left on the pavement in a wretched state, a condom sticking out of her panty. I am tempted to say that, thankfully, there is Torres himself who can swear Soriano offered his testimony completely voluntarily. And I am tempted to say there is common sense to make one wonder why any woman, short of the wildly kinky type, would wish to have consensual sex with a soldier in a van while his buddies roared their approval.

But I am not so sure those things are formidable barriers to this case disappearing in the toilet bowl whence most of the obscenities in this country have been flushed down of late. If Soriano can be persuaded to see that he really saw nothing, so can the others. Recanting has replaced karaoke as this country's favorite pastime. Archbishop Oscar Cruz's expostulation, when his witnesses in the *jueteng* hearings started being stricken deaf and blind, still rings in my ear: "There are no more principles. There are no more values and morals. Everything is just about money, money, money."

But more than this, what makes me wonder if this case will prosper at all is that there is no public outrage accompanying it. Sure, Gabriela and some other women's groups have marched down the streets and even confronted an American official or two. Sure, several activist groups have said "I told you so" about the VFA producing the same sex crimes as the US bases, being basically the same thing sneaked in through the back door. Sure, a couple of politicians, like Joker Arroyo, have called for the suspects to be surrendered to Philippine authorities, and some media have demanded redress

But that is all. We do not see a near-universal weeping and gnashing of teeth the way we did during Diosdado Macapagal's time, when several Filipino kids were gunned down in the perimeters of Clark and Subic, after being presumed to be wild pigs.

The widespread attitude today is weariness, cynicism, indifference. That is the really scary part. Our capacity to tolerate injustice grows by the day. To say that our ethical and moral standards have taken a dive over the last four years is to say that Mike Tyson's career has suffered a minor setback with his last defeat. It's not just that we're getting inured to rape and murder, it's that we see nothing wrong in them anymore. It's not just that we've learned to accept abuse and oppression, it is that we've learned to expect them. It has become the most natural thing in the world for presidents to screw the voters. It has become the most natural thing in the world for witnesses to recant. It has become the most natural thing in the world for foreigners to rape our women, abroad or in this country.

What stops iniquity really? What enforces the law really? In the end, it is not the courts or the cops or government. It is public expectation. Elsewhere, candidates do not steal votes because it is just not done. Witnesses do not say one thing today and another thing tomorrow because it is just not done. These iniquities do not just carry with them legal sanctions they carry with them public opprobrium. That is what the force of law means, with particular emphasis on "force." They carry with them the cultural equivalent of religious excommunication. You are not just punished with jail if caught, you are cut off from society and reduced to a pariah.

The opposite is just as true, of course. Rape, whether of a voter or a woman, gets factored into public consciousness to a point where it becomes a natural expectation, it will happen again and again. It will take on the force of law. That is what's happening today. Without public outrage to waylay it, lawlessness has become the law.

SC race heats up

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

FORMER SENATE PRESIDENT JOVITO SALONGA recently quoted "unimpeachable" Palace sources as saying that Chief Presidential Legal Adviser and the administration's anti-graft and corruption czarina, Merceditas Gutierrez, will likely be appointed the new ombudsman. Among her principal backers is GMA's private lawyer, former Supreme Court Justice Jose Vitug.

Earlier I said, that Gutierrez's biggest drawback is her perceived closeness to First Gentleman Mike Arroyo (they were classmates at the Ateneo law school) and the President (her Palace work demands the utmost confidence of GMA). I also said that appointing Gutierrez or Deputy Ombudsman Victor Fernandez, who's very close to the Villaraza law firm, could create a credibility problem. The appointment of either of them would be perceived as meant primarily to protect the interest of the First Family. I argued that there is need for a truly independent ombudsman if we are to win the fight against corruption. But then, as a prominent lawyer asked, which president didn't seek to protect his interest? Aniano Desierto, President Fidel Ramos' personal choice, he opined, was recruited to protect FVR's flanks. If the appointment of my fellow Holy Ghost College alumna Mercy Gutierrez is a fait accompli, I wish her good luck. She will need a lot of it.

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If the search for the new ombudsman has become anti-climactic, the search for the successor to Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr., who retires on Dec. 20, is just beginning to heat up. The Judicial and Bar Council headed by Davide is poised to nominate five senior Supreme Court justices to replace him: Reynato Puno (appointed in 1993), Artemio Panganiban (1995), Leonardo Quisumbing (1998), Consuelo Ynares Santiago (2000) and Angelina Sandoval Gutierrez (2001). Under the Constitution, the President may appoint any of the JBC nominees.

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Some people argue that seniority should be the main, if not the sole, criterion for appointment to Supreme Court chief justice. However, we have had a number of chief justices who were not the most senior, e.g., Victorino Mapa (the second chief justice after Cayetano Arellano), Jose Yulo, Ramon Aquino and Felix Makasiar. In the United States, 51-year-old Justice John Roberts was recently recruited by President Bush to head the Supreme Court, straight from the US Appellate Court. In Canada, Justice Beverley McLachlin was only No. 6 in terms of seniority when she was named chief justice.

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I believe that appointments to the Supreme Court, as in the military, should be based on qualifications and not just seniority. After all, the chief justice is not only a jurist but also the administrator and manager of the third branch of government. Davide is both a renowned jurist and a capable chief executive, and his successor should be no less, otherwise his much-applauded reform program might go for naught. In the end, it's GMA's choice. But unlike in the ombudsman's case, no one among the SC nominees suffers from bias or a credibility problem.

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It's repeatedly said that the perception of political instability in Makati City, due to numerous rallies there in past weeks, has resulted in the projection of other cities as attractive alternate business sites. Quezon City is definitely one of them. An indication of QC's booming real estate business, for instance, is that the Philippine Association of Realtors' Board chose Pareb-QC as "Most Outstanding Realtor's Board" last year, and it's expected to run away with the prize again—its fourth award since 2001.

One of the criteria Pareb uses to evaluate awardees is how well the local board has tried to develop the realty business in its city. Pareb-QC has helped to promote, develop and market new real estate projects and during the recent celebration of Quezon City Week, it conducted a very successful symposium where over 120 participants came to hear Mayor Sonny Belmonte and city treasurer Vic Endriga explain how the city will be the next business district after Makati and Pasig. This means the entry of key real estate developers such as Ayala Land, Robinsons, Eastwood and those developing new commercial-residential complexes all over the city. Exciting times ahead despite the political turmoil.

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Last Sunday evening, Cecile Alvarez and I had as guest on our dzRH program Philippine International Trading Corp. president Roberto Pagdanganan, who also chairs the board of the Philippine SEA Games Organizing Committee (Philsoc). We asked him to tell us about the preparations for the 23rd SEA Games, which our country will host from Nov. 27 to Dec. 5. The Games will kick off at the Luneta on Nov. 27 with athletes from 11 countries of Southeast Asia. He admitted there's a lot of difficulties, but like a typical Pinoy his attitude is, let's do our best under the circumstances. Obet paid special tribute to all the corporations supporting the 33 national sports associations in one way or another. Among these companies are Globe Telecom (the single biggest sponsor), PLDT, PAL and Cebu Pacific, which will help transport athletes and officials to Cebu and Bacolod, the satellite venues for some sports events, Absolut and Unilab, which will provide bottled water and vitamins, respectively. Obet also paid tribute to some 7,500 youth volunteers, such as former swimming champ Akiko Thompson, who will help take care of the athletes, spectators, etc. He also acknowledged the help of First Gentleman Mike Arroyo, who, as in previous years, has facilitated the training of our athletes in China.

By the way, did you know that most of the countries participating in the SEA Games sent their athletes to China for training? This gives you an idea of how the Chinese are preparing for Olympics 2008 in Beijing.

Fears raised on 'Subic rape case'

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

STRANGE INDEED WAS THIS TV NEWS REPORT based largely on an interview with a "retired" US Navy personnel who happens to have Filipino roots and appears to have retired here. I'm not quite sure about the context of the interview, and what qualifications the retired Navy man possessed to comment on the possible outcome of the "Subic rape case," because I caught the report in midstream. But the little I heard was enough to provoke me.

Among the comments of this former Navy man is that a number of cases raised against US troopers taking part in joint exercises here are actually "fabricated," with the charges conveniently dropped as soon as the accusers are paid off.

This may very well be, for we don't live in a land of angels, but neither are all American servicemen on assignment here innocent dupes entrapped by our "little brown f----ng machines," as GI's used to describe Filipinas.

Indeed, chances are that the charges have some basis in fact. If you were truly innocent of charges of rape or sexual harassment, would you be content to simply pay off the accuser?

Equally disturbing was the source's assertion that the rape case would not prosper not only because the victim's family would likely opt for a cash settlement, but also because US authorities would protect the accused personnel at all costs. But, being aware of this, all the more local authorities should protect the victim and her family, as well as prevent this from turning into a cash transaction.

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WOMEN in Mindanao feel particularly concerned about the "Subic rape case" since the complainant hails from their midst, Zamboanga in particular. The Mindanao Commission on Women has just issued a statement that not only condemns the alleged crime, but also brings up vital questions on the social underpinnings that perpetuate the stigma against women who complain of rape. I would think Mindanao women would also be particularly alarmed as most of the "anti-terrorist" exercises are in Mindanao. Excerpts from the statement follow:

Violence against women once again rears its ugly head and shocks the entire nation. We, the members and partners of the Mindanao Commission on Women, make this statement to condemn this violence and to exhort the Philippine and American authorities to facilitate immediate action on this case.

We demand that the Philippine government take the position that the case falls within the jurisdiction of Philippine courts as provided for very clearly under the RP-US Visiting Forces Agreement of 1998. Therefore, we demand that the Philippine government take decisive action to take custody of the American rapists of a sister from Mindanao. The case has taken on political color and we are very concerned that our officials have been effectively immobilized into inaction as manifested by their vague statements about the case in relation to the provisions of the VFA.

We must stand unafraid to denounce this rape committed by American servicemen as a form of terrorism. For until and unless all women of the world are liberated from gender-based violence, there will always be terror in our world. The Americans want us to lead the war against terror in this part of the world, let them start with dealing swift justice on the perpetrators of sexual terrorism against our women.

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WE JOIN those who are calling for the review of the VFA because agreements such as this lay our shores open to military personnel who feel that they have the power to do anything they want to do, including rape our women, despite provisions that prescribe "appropriate" behavior in the agreement. Furthermore, we deplore the "culture of war" that is fostered by the joint military exercises...

We raise our voices to condemn the rape committed and demand that the investigation and prosecution of the alleged perpetrators of this heinous crime proceed without any delay. Rape is now recognized under RA 8353 not just as a crime against chastity but a crime against person. For it isn't just a "sexual" crime. It is not only an assault on a woman's body but also on her senses, emotions and integrity. It is a crime of power, every rape being meant to debase and destroy the very humanity of the victim, another tool to asset male dominance because of the unequal relations between the rapist/s and the victim.

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WE OBJECT to the earlier statements made by Filipino and American officials that tend to again raise stereotyped, archaic and gender-biased knowledge about rape and the psychology of women victims of violence. These misconceptions cloud the real nature of the crime. One of the most prevalent misconceptions is that a rape victim could have prevented the crime if she had "fought hard enough" but data about the many rape-slay cases show that the victim (put up a struggle).

Another really menacing notion is that some women "ask to be raped." And just as insidious are the misconceptions that women falsely accuse men of rape or that "prostituted" women cannot be raped.

We vow to continue the crusade to raise public consciousness about rape and other forms of violence against women. Notwithstanding the fact that Philippine jurisprudence has not helped in erasing the gender-stereotyped notions about rape because gender biases permeate the disposition of cases, we continue to encourage women to seek justice through the law and the courts.

In sisterhood, we reach out to the rape victim from Mindanao and pledge our support for her and her family. She must not be alone in her fight for justice and honor. We join her in her fight for our collective struggle will ensure a world for our daughters and our daughters' daughters that is free from violence.

Long day's journey

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

Bambi L. Harper

EVEN A CURSORY READING OF THE FRIAR chronicles would make you wonder what it was like to try and make your way through our 7,000 islands without airplanes, motor boats, roads, inns and many other conveniences we take for granted. Here is one such travelogue that also provides an insight into the Christianization of the country.

Jesuit priest, Fr. Pedro Chirino, left Manila in a small boat bound for Iloilo with his old companion, Bro. Francisco Martin, on a Saturday morning of 1593, the feast of San Ildefonso, Archbishop of Toledo. They went up river, stopping to say Mass at the convent of Pasig and continued on for the night in one of the islands of La Laguna, crossing to Tabuc the following day. Tabuc was the *encomienda* (royal land grant given to Spanish officers) on the shores of Taytay of D. Luys Henriquez who pacified Masbate. They arrived luckily in time to say Mass for the town and some Spaniards who were there.

By sunset, after having traveled some 6 leagues and crossed a couple of mountains, they were received at the convent of Tanuan on the banks of the lagoon of Bombon. Augustinian prior, Fr. Juan Bautista Hernandez, welcomed them with much charity, meaning he had to put them up for the night and feed them. In the morning he lent them his "barangay" (described as quick and slender vessels put together with wooden nails and pegs that lie low in the water) to go to Taal on the mouth of the river of Bombon where the waters drain on Balayan Bay.

There was another famous convent in Balayan where the prior, Fr. Juan de Peñalosa, was a relative of Gov. Don Gonzalo. From there Father Chirino sailed with his companions for Batangas, where there was another great convent and there they embarked on another *barangay* furnished with provisions and gifts by the prior, Fr. Hernando de Vendano.

On Sunday, Jan. 31, Fr. Chirino said Mass in [illegible] and preached to the people who had no parish priest although the church was so large it served as an auditorium. In almost 20 years that he spent on the islands, this was the biggest church he had seen.

From Caliraya, they crossed to the island of Marinduque, a distance of 2 or 3 leagues. Due to the force of the wind, they stayed Monday and Tuesday on the beach hunting and catching some deer fleeing from the hunters with their flaming torches and dogs. The deer would come down hurriedly from the mountains down to the beach where the boys would happily catch them. However, one male deer swam out to sea in such a manner that he tired the hunters and they left him alive and well in the water.

On Wednesday, with the weather improving, they crossed over to Romblon, also called Isla de Cabras (goats) for obvious reasons since due to the fertility of the goats that had 5 or 6 kids in two years, the island was overrun by them. From Romblon, they sailed into the open sea with the wind astern, leaving behind Banton on their left. They spent the night in Osigan, which was called Isla de Tablas by the Spaniards because of the many trees hewn from their forests. It had a beautiful port in a peaceful cove sheltered from the winds

Finally, on the morning of Thursday, they landed in Panay, the end of their journey, leaving behind on their right the islets of Ambil, Buracay, Caluya, Simalara and Siuay. They passed Potol Point, which in those days was revered by the Visayans who made offerings so that the spirit would let their boats through [illegible].

They spent the weekend with the Augustinians in Amtic and left on Monday morning after Mass for Tigbauan, arriving there on Tuesday noontime. En route to Villa de Arevalo, they were met at sunset by Captain Figuerora and many leading members of the community.

On this part of Iloilo beside a beautiful stream was Villa de Arevalo, so named after the town in Castilla la Vieja where Governor D. Gonzalo Ronquillo was born. He founded the villa in 1581, and named her first fiscals: Luis Henriquez de Gusman, Miguel de Loarca, Luis Peres Vela and Gaspar Ruiz de Morales. The first mayors were Alvaro de Angulo Tovar and Diego Obregon.

The word *"tigbauan"* meant field of reeds and the town had gotten its name because of its location beside a great field at the mouth of a turbulent river, not far from the sea. Because of the proximity to the waters, the people enjoyed the abundant fruits of the sea. The language of Tigbauan was called Haraya and in that language, the faith was taught in that region. In all the towns, crosses were installed and churches built where the converts would gather to pray on Sundays.

There was a school for children who, once they had learned their catechism in their mother tongue, were taught to read and write in Spanish. Those who displayed aptitude were taught how to sing for the different festivals, Masses and ceremonies of the church. From this school in Tigbauan, the eldest children would leave in pairs weekly for neighboring towns where they took care of decorating the churches and gathered the people every afternoon in the patio of the church to recite the catechism in front of the cross that was always shaded by trees. Between the friars and the children, this was the way the people of Iloilo were converted to the Faith.

(Data from Fr. Francisco Colins, S.J., "Labor Evangelico.")

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Litterbugs

YOUNG BLOOD

Grace V. Maghanoy

We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? We welcome contributions from the twentysomething and below.—Ed.

I WAS ON MY WAY HOME ONE NIGHT LAST MONTH when I found myself in the middle of an unexpected rain shower. With my umbrella clutched in one hand, I prepared to get off the jeepney to take a second ride, when to my horror I realized that the solid ground I was supposed to step on was nowhere in sight. The street was flooded.

The driver told me impatiently to make it fast. I had no choice. I was caught between the prospect of incurring the ire of a man who looked like an overworked, bloodshot Arnold Schwarzenneger and wading through a mini swimming pool bubbling with some scary grayish substances. I chose the lesser evil and leaped off the jeepney with my eyes closed, praying fervently that I wasn't jumping into an open manhole. I felt like one of those commercial models plunging into a vat of iced tea, except that my experience wasn't so refreshing. I tried to shut down my all too active imagination, but I couldn't help picturing squirmy, little germs crawling into my shoes and up my legs and having the time of their virus-infested lives.

I stood frozen on the spot for a while, the water coming up to the middle of my legs. I wasn't sure where I should go, but the incoming vehicles driven by seemingly possessed drivers threatened to squash me and mix my entrails with the already murky mixture at my feet. I moved toward a shed at the other side of the street, splashing water even higher up my body. By the time I reached the shed, I noticed how the people already there were struggling to contain their amusement over my ordeal. I grinned sheepishly and proceeded to go where it was darker to hide my embarrassment.

"Well, this is what we get for paying taxes, eh?" a woman told me with a bitter smile. I wanted to reach over and choke her. I wanted to tell her, "How easy for us to blame this on the government."

Okay, maybe it's true that in some areas, corruption has made public services, like having a functional drainage system, almost nonexistent but I would like to think that graft and corruption can't be blamed solely for the occasional abundance of filthy water on the streets. Every time we litter the streets with our trash, we also become responsible for our clogged drainage and our dirty streets.

Every afternoon on my way home from work, I sit inside a jeepney with students eating their afternoon snacks. Invariably the food wrappers find their way over the side of the vehicle to the pavement or canal below even if the the driver has provided a small plastic box clearly labelled "Trash can." I would like to exercise my civic duty and gently make them aware of the consequences of their actions, except that more often than not, these students sit beside their parents who either condone the act or do the exact same thing!

What do people expect to happen? Is our señorita attitude so deeply embedded in our collective consciousness that we expect little magical creatures with brooms to suddenly appear and clean our dirt for us?

What is even more appalling is that we still have the gall to complain about how filthy our country has become and how the government has botched its responsibility of preserving the pristine condition of our surroundings when we so wantonly defile the earth ourselves.

Sometimes our little acts of defilement become even more ironic when they happen after we participate in rallies propelled by righteous indignation against a dysfunctional government. How can we demand others to improve when after angrily marching in the streets, we leave little versions of Smokey Mountain behind? Shouldn't we also protest against our dysfunctional mind-set?

I may sound too much like an alarmed environmental fanatic, but this is not a simple case of clogged drainage. This is illustrative of the Filipino attitude toward our environment. It's dreadful how we think so little about public hygiene, environmental preservation and our own precarious position in a swiftly degenerating world.

When I was in grade school, our school had a cleanliness drive and secret student spies were fielded to go around the campus looking for students who threw their trash on the ground instead of into the trash cans. Those caught suffered the indignity of having to wear a big placard across their chests with the label "I am a Litterbug!"

While parents and educators today may view this kind of punishment as somewhat inhuman (and I do not thoroughly recommend it either), I appreciate the impact it made on me. Now I never throw my trash indiscriminately and every time I see others do so, I feel not only irritation and apprehension but also some pain.

I feel pain because my pride as a Filipino suffers every time I see people pollute our streets. We have always been a proud race, proud of our heritage, but how can we be so undisciplined and careless? It is too shameful for me to have to watch and smell the desecration. If only things could be as simple as they were in my younger days when litterbugs could be punished by making them wear placards that drove home the shame of littering.

In our country there are no government spies who might get us jailed at any moment for surreptitiously dropping candy wrappers. This is probably why we Filipinos spread our awful waste with impunity, because no one enforces the law. But there should really be no need for laws to make us observe something as basic as disposing of waste properly. Simple common sense would make us realize the need for environmental preservation and public hygiene—unless of course we prefer to live in the dirt and stench of our garbage-infested surroundings like the bugs that we are.

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English as our national language will unify the Filipino people

WITH THE MOVE TO AMEND THE Constitution, there is a need to reexamine the question as to what should be our national language. The knee-jerk response would be, of course, "Tagalog" (now also referred to as "Filipino"). I suggest the English language.

When Filipinos from different parts of the Philippines meet, they communicate with each other in English, not in Tagalog. Most Filipinos think, read and write in English. Our classes are in English. Our major dailies are in English. Our Internet and computer languages are in English. Our signage is in English. Most of our books in the libraries are by far in English. We are the third largest English-speaking country in the world. English is the language of modernity, science, business, computers, economics, law, philosophy and theology (to a great extent), call centers, medical transcription, etc., etc. English is indeed our de facto national language, official proclamations notwithstanding.

Look at what happened when we gave precedence to Tagalog at the expense of English! We are losing our competitive advantage in English to other nations, such as China, Singapore, Thailand, and even Vietnam. Only 19 percent of our teachers now are at home with English.

Why should the Tagalog dialect have precedence over the other dialects, to the extent that it is also referred to as "Filipino."

Part of the answer can be traced to the great Quezon-Osmeña rivalry in the 1930s. The astute Manuel Quezon, a Tagalog, outmaneuvered the principled Sergio Osmeña, a Cebuano, in so many issues and matters. Among them were the Philippine presidency and the choice of national language—at a time when more Filipinos spoke and understood the Cebuano dialect than the Tagalog language. It is no wonder that the strongest opposition to Tagalog comes from Cebu, the political bastion of the Osmeñas.

Let the regions speak their own regional language to preserve their unique individual cultures and their regional identity.

In the present situation, it is only Tagalog that is really developing, with the other regional dialects treated as second-class languages and, therefore, not given the resources to evolve and develop.

English will make a wonderful national language. Think of it as our de jure and de facto national language. It will give equal importance to all the regional dialects. It will insure the preservation and development of regional cultures. It will unify us. And it will make the Filipino a global citizen, truly competitive in the global arena.

The arrangement will also fit handily in the federalism movement which is rapidly gaining ground.

If only our congressmen and senators understand what nationalism and internationalism—as far as language is concerned—really mean.

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ABS-CBN anchor Julius Babao and the man he allegedly help to post bail (inset).

Lucky Babao

ABS-CBN AND JULIUS BABAO ARE alarmed that his reputation was besmirched when the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (Isafp) charged him without enough evidence that he posted bail for a terrorist. Babao is more than lucky just to have his reputation besmirched. A lot more people have been arrested, jailed, or suffered even far more serious consequences due to false accusations.

I just wonder: Will ABS-CBN also fight for these people's rights? More than the issue of the role of media to report, will media take a stand on what we believe are moral issues? Or is this something we leave to the churches, which even the government also accuses of being politically driven?

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Cheap 'pechay ensalada'

REP. PROSPERO PICHAY'S "TRIAL menu" was a cheap *pechay ensalada*. The fare was primed at bamboozling former President Fidel Ramos' "cut-term" agenda. Who was behind that brainless stunt?

What to do before going parliamentary? Let them show real work on "tech elections," dynasties and turncoatism, and economic reforms, like what they skillfully did when they dumped the impeachment complaints, burning the proverbial midnight oil before the splendor of TV cameras.

The pork boys must know that we, the Filipino people, are not what they think we are.

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GMA should stay in Malacañang

I AGREE WITH A READER'S REACTION to Conrad de Quiros' columns. With most people living in abject poverty and the growing number of disenchanted, many long for the "better days" under Ferdinand Marcos.

Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, sensing that most people believe life under Marcos was better than today, might be thinking that people are willing to forego civil liberties in exchange for better times. She can never be more wrong. I was very young during martial law, but I remember it well.

Indeed, it can be argued that things were good for a while. We were patient, until Marcos and company got very greedy. *Pinakain muna, tapos inagawan ng pagkain, bago sinakal* (Fed at first, then robbed of food, before they were strangled). Suppressed freedom and economic hardship do not go well together in a people soaked with heroic blood. Marcos had to go.

GMA is doing it all wrong. The people do not have time to be patient. We have suffered long enough. There are no signs that things will be better. Government leaders and statistics lie. *Inagawan na ng pagkain, sinasakal pa* (After being robbed of food, they were strangled). She and company obviously first got greedy and then are now suppressing some liberties. She is doing what Marcos was doing in the waning days of his reign. Implementing a 1985 Batas Pambansa law?

My advice to her is to continue to stay in Malacañang so the people can do what it failed to do in 1986. Remember, Marcos' flight saved him from the lynch mob. That would be a nice closure to this sad nation's story.

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Unfounded, banal charges

THIS IS A REACTION TO CONRADO R. Banal III's column: "Department of Penance." (PDI, 11/1/05)

1. By implying that Cebuanos cheated in the last presidential elections, Banal insulted Cebuano intelligence. In the process, he unmasked his real self and tainted the INQUIRER's tradition of journalistic excellence. What was his basis for saying that another presidential aspirant won in Cebu, except that he was cheated, when that candidate couldn't put together complete slates at the provincial, city and municipal levels. Support for FPJ dissipated in Cebu, especially when his candidate shied away from public debates on wide-ranging issues, including governance? And who would have carried his candidate in the campaign at the barangay level?

Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo won fair and square in Cebu! We belong to the silent majority initially inclined to vote for FPJ. But when he evaded the debates and demonstrated on TV how a president-to-be would act in office under pressure in his "encounter" with mediawoman Sandra Aguinaldo, we lost all admiration for him. We are quite sure many Cebuanos felt the same way we did.

2. Cebu's legitimate businessmen have no problem with Customs collector Lourdes V. Mangaoang. As practicing, professional customs brokers transacting business with daily, we know that Mangaoang enjoys the support of the business sector, export zone investors, legitimate importers-exporters, licensed customs brokers, and authentic freight forwarders. For being straightforward and fair in the application of tariff and customs laws, she has our full support. True enough, she has disbanded arrogant and corrupt review committees, streamlined or shortened procedures, and enforced trade facilitation in record time where her predecessors dismally failed.

Mangaoang is one hell of a feisty lady lawyer, hard to please by smugglers and fly-by-night or pseudo freight forwarders-cum-brokers. It is not surprising then that she has angered the wicked who are now spreading nasty rumors about her, rumors which Banal picked up for his column.

Banal should know that many business and professional associations have expressed their support for Mangaoang's retention in Cebu in a manifesto that has been presented to the President, Finance Secretary Margarito Teves and Customs Commissioner Alexander Arevalo.

Further, there is no truth about the extraordinary "*tara*" at Cebu customs. A confluence of events—the political crisis, soaring fuel prices, surging freight and handling charges, to name a few—have forced businessmen to withhold investments and adapt a "wait-and-see" attitude.

—ALFREDO G. LANTICSE,
president, CCBI-Cebu
with 11 other CCBI-Cebu officials.

Contraceptives' side effects

RINA JIMENEZ-DAVID'S COLUMN ON the "State of the World Population," a report of the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), echoes the agency's controversial agenda to promote "reproductive health" services. (PDI, 10/14/05) For the record, the recent UN General Assembly rejected the UNFPA's insistent move to make "reproductive health" another millennium development goal.

It has been disputed that the term "reproductive health" as used by UNFPA foists abortion and contraception on women, the reason why the agency lost funding from certain countries. Before the summit, more than 700 non-government organizations endorsed a document presented at the UN Department of Public Information Conference, asking the UN to drop its ideological "reproductive health" euphemisms and focus on pre-natal and post-natal health services.

The UNFPA report states that denying women contraceptive protection should be considered a form of violence. This flies on the face of many women who were offered "safe" contraceptives that might have saved them from risky pregnancies but also made them sick from side effects. Why call practices that inhibit and terminate normal reproductive functions "reproductive health"? Why even expect healthy results from these?

Even feminist icon Germaine Greer now claims that contraceptive technology endangers women's health. History gives testament. The first prescription drug to receive warning labels from the US Food and Drug Administration was the pill. IUDs (Dalkon Shield, Lippes Loop, Copper-7, Tantum 7), after they were initially approved for sale in the market, were withdrawn due to lawsuits. The German Chemical and Veterinary Investigation Institute found traces of N-nitrosamine, a highly carcinogenic substance, in 29 of 32 condom types. We must not wait for more women to suffer and die before we acknowledge these facts.

Again, David questioned President Macapagal-Arroyo's expressed preference for natural family planning (NFP) before the UN Summit. If there is anything right that has been done by Ms Arroyo, this is it. Prof. Henry Burger, director of a World Health Organization trial on NFP, himself claimed that "there is no sterilizing or contraceptive method that could do better than NFP." The method alone ensures women's fertility awareness and the couple's understanding of each other's body mechanisms. Idealistic as this sounds, women and men deserve nothing less.

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What's happening at the SSS?

I SENT A LETTER TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY System president for the sixth time. Before that, I sent letters on Oct. 19, Oct, 8, Oct. 3, Sept. 27, Sept. 17. Until now, I have yet to receive a reply. What is happening at the SSS?

After calling the SSS office and faxing my letter, I received a reply from a certain Ms De la Cruz, department head, assuring me of prompt attention to my letter. Her assurance, to this day, has remained a "promise."

I wanted to report—and protest—that I have not received my pension check for September and October 2005. I wonder if I'd get my check for November.

- What more "confirmation" does SSS require? My pension check is in my name. My check is addressed through the PNB, which also requires my personal presence and ID, as well as my signature and address signed on the back of my check before the bank teller encashes it.
- SSS did not give me the courtesy of a notice or advise regarding the need for this "confirmation" before it stopped sending my pension.
- I refuse to go to an SSS office and stand in line for hours for this "confirmation." The SSS has only one person to attend to the numerous needs of the public. (I hope Corazon de la Paz visits the SSS offices and see for herself all the "confirmation" applicants standing in line. As a senior citizen and a pensioner, please do not expect me to "wait and stand in line" for hours.)

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INBOX

Your message to the politicians: What will finally bring peace and prosperity to our nation?

Resign.
—marco bernardo, *baguio city*

GO 2 the SLUM, DEPRESSED AREAS, VISIT the WET MARKETS, SEE D BEGGARS & STREETCHILDRN, TALK with a PROSTITUTE. STOP TALKING. ACT. PEACE, PROSPERITY
—Beth Orense, 22, *QC*

peace & prosperity will be attained when politicians become SELFLESS, when dey put d nation's welfare ahead, over their own.
—jean alonzo, *mla*

PLS REMEMBER WHY you're in PUBLIC OFFICE. ITS NOT a JOB, ITS a PUBLIC SERVICE. UNLESS you see it as SERVICE, WE WONT have PEACE, PROSPERITY
—nico perez, 30, *tacloban*

my dear politicians, pls observe transparency & honesty. for d love of God & Country.
—Jerome Fernandez, *quezon city*

Makonsyensya sila, matakot sila sa DIYOS, o MAMATAY NA SILANG LAHAT!!
—Alexander A. Lebantino, 27, *Pampanga*

make politics a job, not a living.
—Fritze, 34, *dvo.city*

GMA must give PENSION to all SENIOR CITIZENS, NOT 20% DISCOUNT, IF GRANTED CORRUPTION will END.
—ray monson, 42, *ayala alabang*

May kapayapaan lang kung wala nang mangurakot sa kaban ng bayan, at dapat alisin ang pulitikOng gahaman.
—Ma.CherryL Anguas, 21, makati city

politicians must change their attitude by putting away selfishness & hunger 4 power. changing d system of govt is not d solutiOn.
—JOEL CAPALIT, 36, *MATI, DAVAO Or.*

my message to the politician: only the truth will bring peace and prosperity to our nation. kailangan lumabas ang katotohanan.
—edgardo c vega, 37, *olongapo city*

pls. stop politicking and focus on ur work and d things dat wud

tigilan na ang politika!!!

bring filipinOs 2geder, be sincere in wat ur dOing.. eventually making evryone at peace & happy.
—dan tacalinar, 23, *CDO city*

Dapat ng magresign c GMA para matapos na ang political crisis kapag nagawa nya yan saka lamang mapapanatag ang lahat
--Nolan Ariola, 30, *Pasig*

if only our politicians should realize d fact dat joining d govt is not a business opportunity, but a heroic endeavor..
—Nora Oberedes, 35, *iloilo city*

at least a reduced vested interest, and an increased national interest.
—Alexandrino R. Apelado, 56, *Sulat, Eastern Samar*

WE SHLD HAVE GOOD & HONEST LEADERS
—raymund llacuna, 35, *talisay*

Stooge of d rich, clown of d poor, petty n crooked is a known synonym 4 politicians. BE DIFFERENT. Be the GREAT LEADER we have never had.
—rene locsin, *QC*

How will eVat affect your life?

eVATbat sa akin ang taas ng presyo, eVATak pababa ang aming kita, at eVATo ang kahirapan ng buhay sa amin. Dapat eVATikos ang eVAT
—anson, 32, *manila*

we have simplified our lives already by reducing consumption; how much further can we do that is d challenge of d times.
—vicky franco, 63, *cotabato city*

eVAT wil not help me in my daily life! mabuti sana kung nakikita pagbabago ng bansa, at hindi ang pagbabago ng bulsa ng mga buwaya
—jay pagaoa, 22, *ilocos sur*

price of basic needs increases, in short, poor people will be poorer, if we don't take action now, we will settle 4 nothing later.. Prices of our basic needs will increase but not our salary, please resign GMA, you are not doing your task as a president
—A.Manuel, 25, *manila*

I'm learning 2 budget my allowance more, expecting dat things will be more expensive than usual.
—Roehl Niño bautista, 15, *qc*

eVAT is supposedly good 4 our country. however, though, changes are 2 void 2 b given attention since different political scandals arouse attention. tsk tsk!
—Michaelb., 23, *bacolod*

not only wil eVat affect my budget but it wil dampen my spirit further & reinforce my belief dat there's no end 2 dis unending hardships
—EdgarHapa, 35, *malolos*

it rili helps in boosting our economy sans political involvement.. however, impoverished filpinos lyk me shud MAGTIPID AT MAGSIKAP.Ü
—jake victor dagan, 18, *baguio*

students like me will find it more difficult 2 make both ends meet now that eVat is imposed.
—jeofrey abalos, 19, *binmaley*

We eat less, get sick less often, buy ukay-ukay, and watch our profligate officials have the time of their lives.
—OJSandalo, *San Carlos City, Neg.*

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Hard hats could hardly protect these miners from the dangers of manually exploring for precious ore in the bowels of the earth as several of their co-miners' lives were lost in an explosion in a tunnel in Mt. Diwalwal.

Defensor says Enrile log firm needs LGU approval

ENVIRONMENT SECRETARY MICHAEL DEFENSOR YESTERDAY said a logging firm owned by Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile can't start cutting trees just yet on Samar Island despite a permit that the Department of Environment and Natural Resources gave it.

He said San Jose Timber Corp. might have obtained a logging permit in Samar Island but it must get the go-signal of the local government before the Enrile company can start cutting trees.

"In the end, the bulk of the decision making will rest on the local government," said Defensor apparently in a bid to parry criticisms hurled by environmentalists away from Malacañang.

"We might have approved their license, but does this mean they can start operating? Not yet because in this situation they have yet to apply with the municipality and the province that will be affected," said Defensor.

Defensor said the company would still have to apply for a new environment compliance certificate, a comprehensive development management program and a multi-year operations permit depending on how many years it would be allowed to log in the area.

Defensor insisted he has not lifted any moratorium on logging in the area because the moratorium lapsed on May and was just recognized by the government.

Defensor said San Jose's logging concession remains valid until 2007.

While Samar might have been declared a park, Defensor said even the reserve order recognizes the right of private concessionaires that were approved before the proclamation.

Environmentalist groups in Eastern Visayas are preparing protest actions following the lifting of the logging moratorium on Samar.

Fr. Cesar Aculan, president of the Samar Island Biodiversity Foundation based in Catbalogan, Samar, said his group would hold a caravan to dramatize opposition to the resumption of logging on Samar.

He said the caravan has been set on Dec. 1 and will be participated in by different non-government organizations, people's organizations, the academe, Church and anti-mining and logging advocates.

Aculan said they did not want to experience what happened on the island in 1989 when flash floods hit at least nine towns on the island, killing hundreds of people and destroying millions of pesos worth of property.

The disaster was blamed on the destruction of the forest, prompting then President Corazon Aquino to order a moratorium on logging on the island.

Ronan Christian Reposar, legal officer of the Environmental Legal Action Center (Elac) here, said his group planned to exert "pressure" on the local government units on Samar to oppose the resumption of logging. *With a report form Joey Gabieta, PDI Visayas Bureau*

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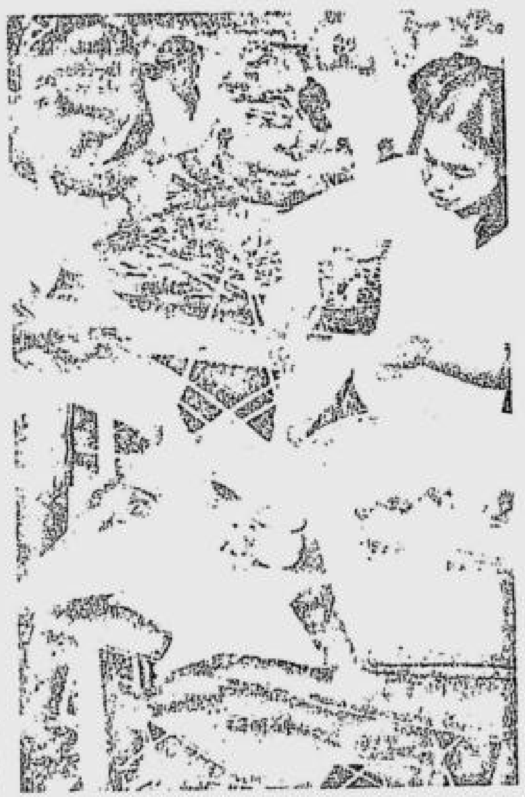

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LANTERN making has started going full blast as increased consumer spending ushers in the holiday season.

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—The government is starting an export program for Christmas lanterns made in this Pampanga capital next year and among the target markets are the entertainment parks of Disneyland, a Department of Trade and Industry official said.

Trade Assistant Secretary Angel Pelayo announced the plan after she opened the Lantern Plaza along the Dolores stretch of the Gapan-San Fernando-Olongapo Road here on Saturday night.

Pelayo, who heads the DTI's regional operations group, said the program would begin with training on electrical and design standards.

The DTI, she said, would also set up a one-stop shop for small to medium enterprises that would provide generic packaging, business counseling and market matching, among other services.

"The government is focused on 10 revenue streams but 70 percent of our exports would be electronics. We are trying to move to higher value-added products and services or at least specialize to shelter our entrepreneurs from the influx of Chinese products in the world market," Pelayo said.

She said a "sunshine industry" would be organics and wellness products, while the traditional products like banana chips, handicraft and seaweeds are still strong.

"In Pampanga, furniture and lanterns show good signs of competitiveness," Pelayo said.

The Lantern Plaza, according to Mayor Oscar Rodriguez, was part of different activities in promoting San Fernando's trade and tourism as a component of the "Global Gateways," referring to the Subic and Clark special economic zones.

The plaza, which was initiated by the city's 2005 Giant Lantern Committee, has gathered at least 20 members of the San Fernando Lantern Makers Association.

The lantern makers, who were allotted a stall each, would sell their products until Dec. 31.

An offshoot of Catholic religious practices, lanterns are now made by some 5,000 families on a year-round basis. While the industry has grown, it has largely catered to the Philippine market.

Very few companies, like Virgilio Sanchez's Makvel Enterprises, have ventured into selling abroad.

Makvel in 1988 began exporting high-end types of lanterns and Christmas decors to the United States, Australia, Japan, parts of Europe and other countries with large Filipino communities.

"The local lantern makers will have to comply with strict standards in electrical, craftsmanship, design and materials to be able to make it to the niches in the world market," Sanchez said in a phone interview.

Sold for P2,000 here, export quality lanterns go four to eight times that price abroad, he said.

Juanito Canlas, a local craftsman, said their main problem is capital.

"We do have the talents, the skills. Limited capital, that's what is stopping us from making it abroad," said Canlas, a native of Barangay del Pilar, the local "lantern factory."

Rodriguez said the city government has organized the lantern makers to enable them to coordinate well with the DTI program, avail of loans for cooperatives and buy materials in bulk. *Tonette Orejas, PDI central Luzon Desk*

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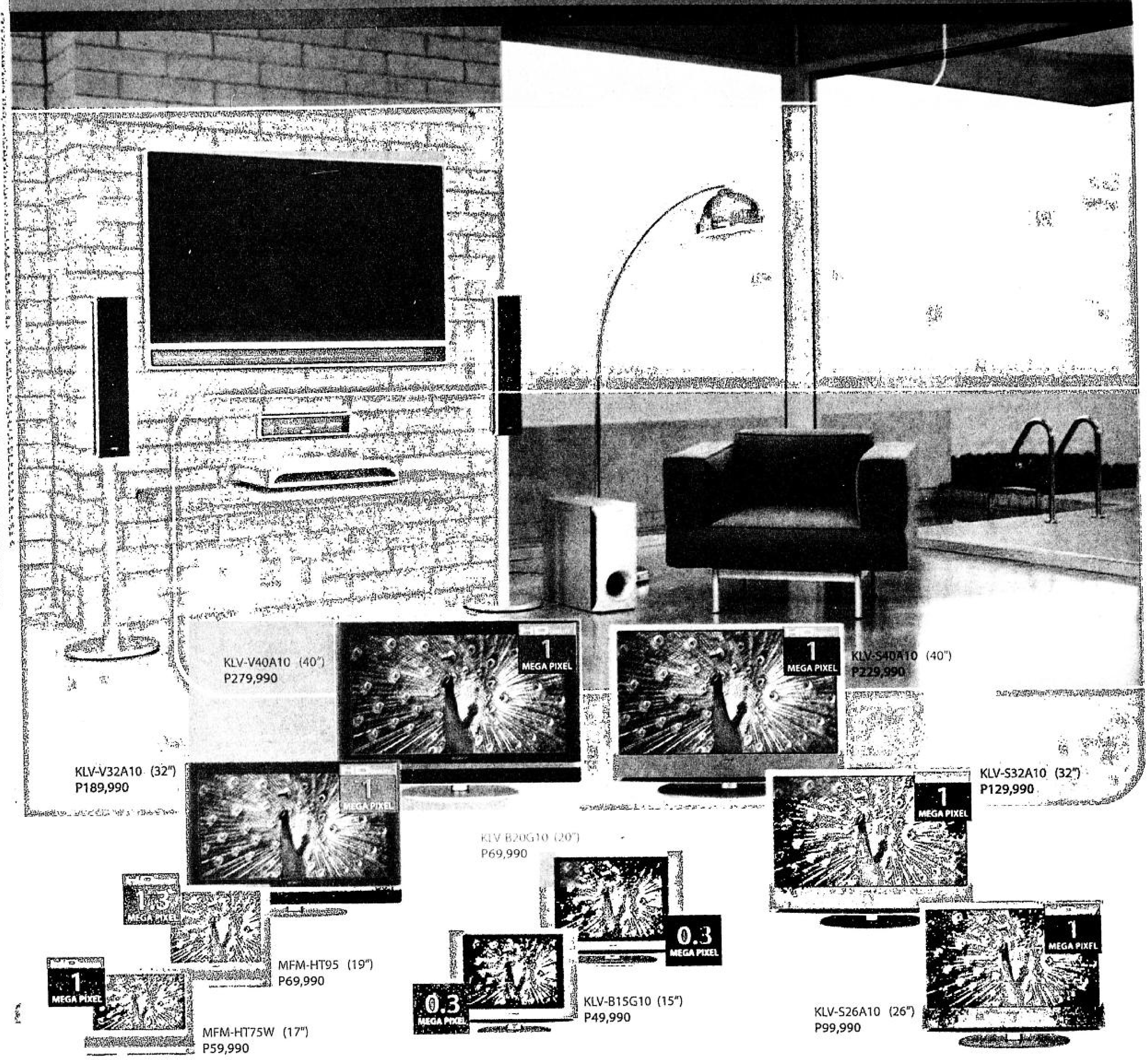

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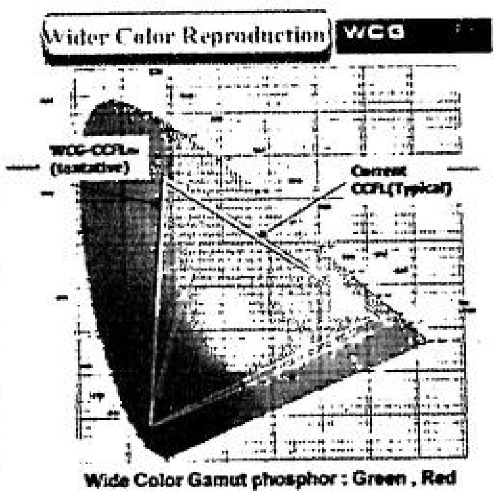

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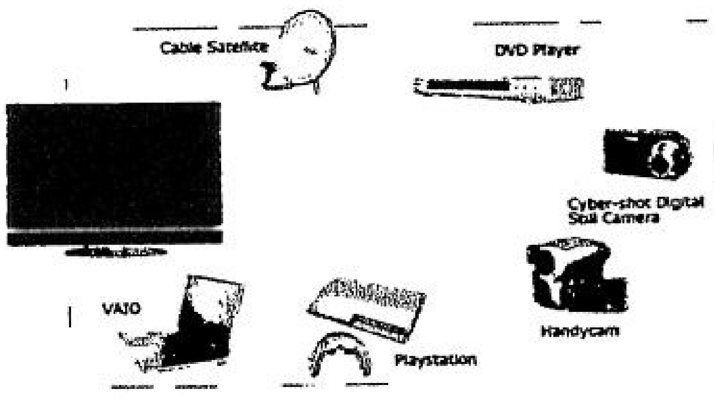

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Bacolod, Cebu jeep strikes vs oil prices lose steam

BACOLOD CITY—A TRANSPORTation strike calling for the exemption of fuel from the Expanded Value Added Tax fizzled out yesterday although classes were cancelled in some private and public schools in Bacolod City.

Supt. Pedro Merced, Bacolod police director, yesterday said only 20 percent of the jeepneys in Bacolod joined the strike set from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Members of the Federation of Bacolod City Drivers Associations (FEBACDA) went on strike to demand the exemption of fuel from the E-Vat.

The strike did not cripple public transportation since members of the United Negros Drivers Operators Center did not join.

UNDOC secretary general Jessie Ortega said they did not join the FEBACDA protest because his group planned to stage a strike simultaneously with a nationwide standstill that was set to be staged soon.

FEBACDA president Elizabeth Katalbas said they also demanded the recall of deputized Land Transportation Office agents who had "unreasonably" been citing driver's for violations.

She said there are about 3,000 LTO deputized agents authorized to cite jeepney drivers for supposed violations, "sometimes at whim," and require them to pay fines.

The apprehensions, she added, have increased because of a "quota" set by the LTO, further financially burdening the drivers already reeling from the rise in fuel prices.

"The LTO should recall the identification cards of the people it has deputized and set a clear-cut criteria of how they are chosen," she said.

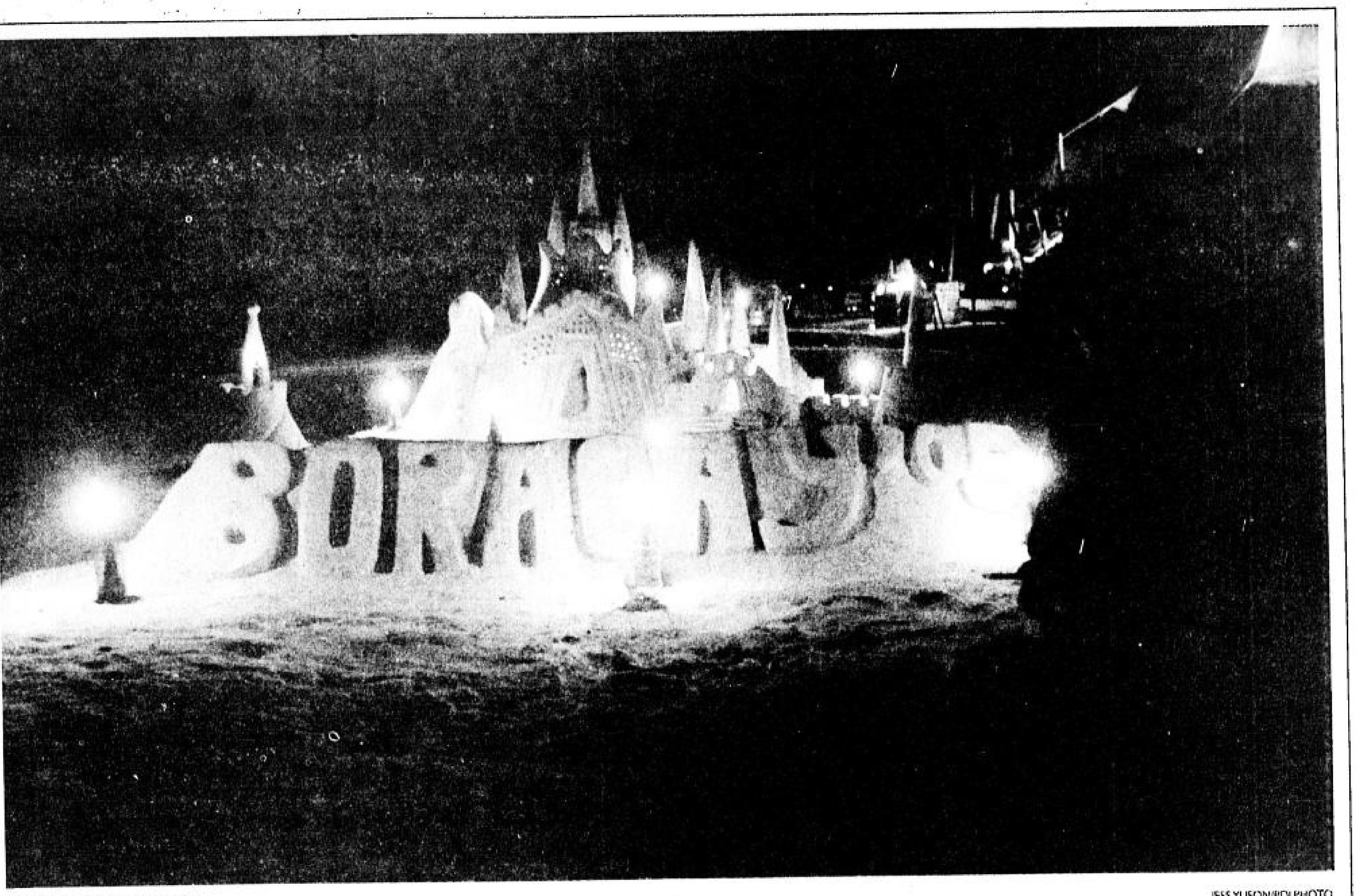
The qualifications of those deputized must be revealed, she added.

Katalbas said the reasons for citing drivers for violations should also be made clear. In compliance with an existing city ordinance, drivers should just be issued citations for violations but their licenses should not be confiscated, she added.

Earlier in Cebu, a strike on Friday also by jeep drivers failed to paralyze public transportation, which organizers blamed on the implementation of the calibrated preemptive response (CPR) policy.

Rudy Laconsa, chair of the Alliance of Transport Operators Members Intra-Cebu City (Atomic), said the protest action only affected 20 percent of public transportation in Cebu City.

About four routes were affected, he added, because many of his 1,000 members did not fulfill their earlier promise to join the strike. *Carla Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau with a report from Jhunnex Napallacan, PDI Visayas Bureau*



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BEACH CREATION
Groups of teenagers on Boracay Island found a good way to spend idle time—create sand sculptures and ask for donations for a little extra money. At the end of the day, the teenagers destroy the sculptures and rebuild them the next day.

Cops blame Left links for slaying

By Luige A. del Puerto

POLICE ARE CLOSELY LOOKING into the militant background of slain Bayan leader and former Maydulong, Eastern Samar vice mayor Bienvenido Bajado as a possible motive for his assassination in the town on Sunday night.

"An investigation is underway, and his being a member of Bayan is one of the motives being considered (in his murder)," said Chief Supt. Ely de la Paz, head of the regional police.

"But we are not discounting other angles. We are trying to find out who are his enemies," the official said on the phone.

In Metro Manila, the national police promised a thorough investigation.

Three men on board a motorcycle shot dead Bajado, 65, around 5 p.m. Sunday in Maydulong, Eastern Samar.

Bajado, chair of Eastern Samar-Bayan and council member of Eastern Visayas-Bayan, suffered six gunshot wounds. A bystander, Sarah Aberia, 54, was also hit in the right thigh during the attack, the police said.

"The suspects fled in the direction of Borongan town using a red (motorcycle)," De la Paz said in a text message hours after the assassination.

The police have set up a checkpoints in possible exit routes but the assassins managed to get past these, he said.

Nestor Nirza, director of the Commission on Popular Struggle in Eastern Visayas, said Bajado is the second militant leader to be killed in the region in a week.

Last Nov. 7, Jose Ducalang, a municipal coordinator of Bayan Muna and city employee, was shot dead by two men in Ormoc City.

The style used in killing him closely resembled Bajado's assassination, he said.

"They were killed by at least two armed men using a motorcycle as a getaway vehicle. The pattern (of the killings) continue to exist even after (Major General Jovito) Palparan is gone," he said.

"And so far, no one has been charged or arrested in the killings," he said.

Palparan is the controversial military general linked by militants to human rights abuses. He was briefly assigned in Samar before his transfer to the Northern Luzon Command.

Nirza said a condemnation rally is set today in front of the Commission on Human Rights Building in Tacloban, Leyte.

Bajado's death followed a wave of murders of militants in Central Luzon, decried by the left-leaning Bayan as the new "killing field" of dissidents.

Bayan secretary general Renato Reyes claimed that the killings are part of a "national policy to target leaders of the progressive movement."

"The political killings are, at the minimum, tolerated by the national leadership."

He added that the "implementors of this policy are the military, paramilitary groups, death squads and other agents of the regime."

Philippine National Police spokesperson Chief Supt. Leopoldo Bataoil countered the accusations by saying the government does not tolerate the killing of any person, regardless of his political, religious or ethnic affiliation.

"We will investigate and work on the basis of evidence," he said. *With reports from Cyrain Cabueñas and Joey Gabieta, PDI Visayas Bureau*

Angeles City court steps in, stops Clark mall construction

CLARK SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE—A judge issued on Thursday a 20-day temporary restraining order against the P500-million SM City project here.

Judge Philbert Yturralde of the regional trial court in Angeles City issued the order after Mayor Carmelo Lazatin asserted that the project falls within the city's boundary and thus should secure permits and licenses from the city government. The new mall, halfway now in its construction phase, is located near the main gate of this ecozone.

Clark Development Corp. president Antonio Ng sought to immediately settle the jurisdiction issue by seeking the opinion of the office of the government corporate counsel.

The order stopped New Golden City Builders Development Corp. from proceeding with the construction.

Ng said the construction firm and the Central Premiere Inc. that owns SM have "religiously paid all the required fees" to the CDC.

He also expressed worry, saying the TRO would delay SM's planned opening in April next year in time for the reopening of the Expo Pilipino.

According to him, SM was expecting to employ 12,000 workers in the Metro Clark area, referring to Angeles City, Porac, Mabalacat, Magalang in Pampanga and Bamban in Tarlac.

In a statement, Ng allayed fears of unfair competition, saying SM Clark would be "treated like any other commercial establishments outside the zone and it is required to pay all necessary taxes."

SM, he said, shall pay taxes on all goods sold at the mall. It is exempted from paying taxes on the importation of materials and equipment for the construction work.

Aside from assuring local businesses of priority in stall allocation, Ng said SM has also rehabilitated the Bayanihan Park, widened the road near Clark's main gate and built the drainage system in Barangay Balibago. *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

Bird flu threat won't stop Laguna duck fest

VICTORIA, LAGUNA—DESPITE the negative publicity brought about by reports on bird flu, this town—dubbed as the "New Pateros" owing to its multimillion-peso duck industry—is holding with renewed enthusiasm its 4th annual "Itik" Festival during the celebration of its 56th Anniversary of Foundation today.

Mayor Dwight Kampitan led the start of the festival yesterday, seeking to assure all duck raisers and buyers that the industry is free from any deadly virus, particularly the one that causes bird flu.

The festival's theme is "Damayan at Kabayanihan, Dulot ay Kaunlaran (Involvement and Heroism towards Progress)."

The mayor said there were collective efforts by duck raisers to protect their farms from the invasion of possible carriers of the virus by putting their ducks inside fences and cottages.

He cited as an example one big duck farm in the area that went to the extent of enclosing its huge farm with a net to prevent any foreign or native bird from getting mixed with its thousands of ducks.

The farm also restricts anybody, even media men or visitors, from entering its premises without disinfection.

This coming Nov. 22, the mayor said there will be a massive information campaign gathering against bird flu, to be held either in Victoria or in a bigger venue in Sta. Cruz town to educate the public on the virus that causes it.

He said the information gathering would tackle questions on how to protect the ducks and humans from the bird flu-causing virus; knowing the ways and means how to prevent contamination; knowing the effective responses in case there is any virus detected or suspected of attempting to get into the farms.

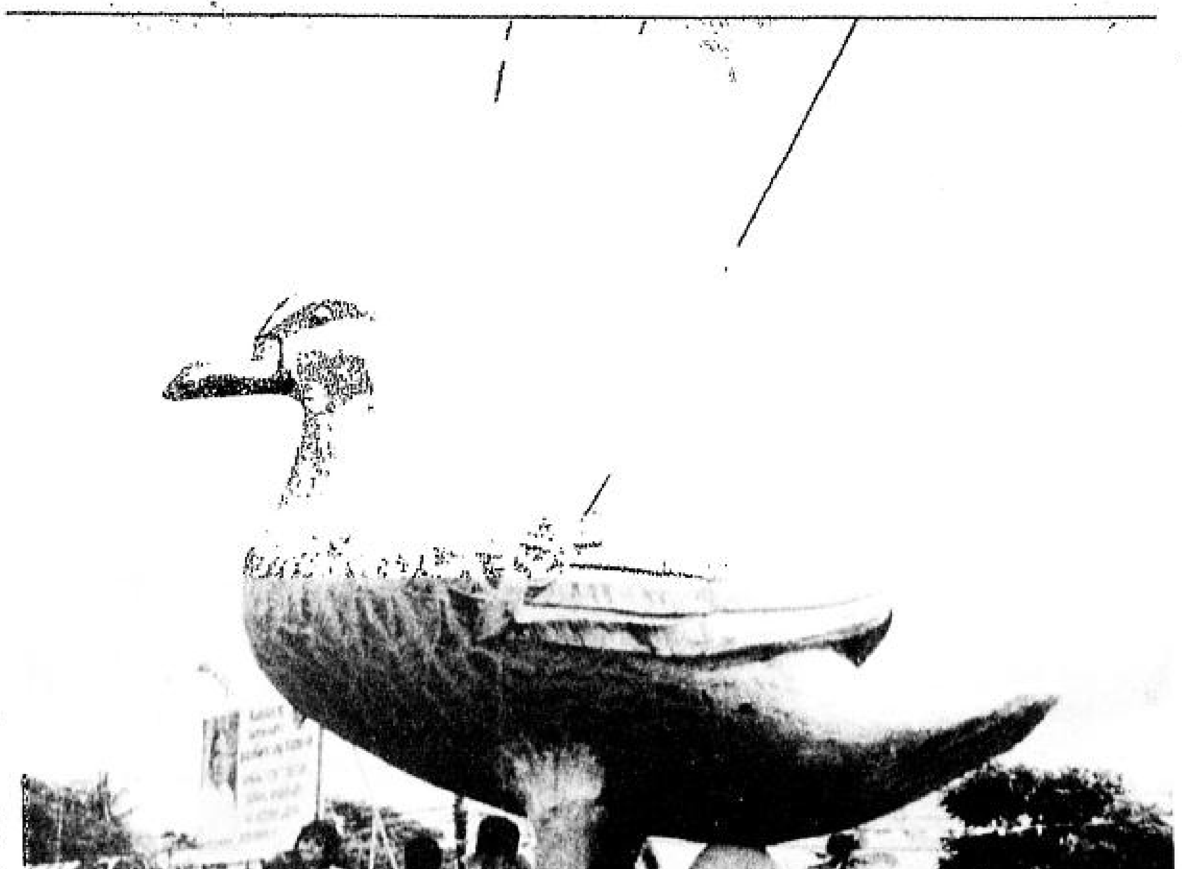
The mayor said he hoped that the "Itik" Festival would boost the industry's pivotal role in the economic life of the town.

The duck industry in the municipality is estimated to be a multimillion-peso enterprise and in previous years it was said to have possibly reached a close to a billion-peso-mark.

Residents and businessmen who depend on the duck industry are hopeful that the bird flu would spare their ducks and fowls.

Celia Corcuera, one of the biggest producers of salted eggs in the municipality, said that in the past, she produced more than 100,000 salted eggs every 15 days but today, she pegged her volume production at 50,000—just enough to meet the needs of her buyers daily.

The town's Itik Festival will end today with street dancing, duck float parade, duck eating contest and a village night for partying. *Romulo Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*



MONUMENT to ducks in Victoria, Laguna may as well serve as a reminder of the threat that bird flu brings to duck raisers and people who depend on ducks for livelihood.

PDI SOUTHERN LUZON BUREAU

10 crime gangs target of cops' new crackdown

CALAMBA CITY—THE CHIEF OF the Calabarzon police has ordered a crackdown on 10 organized gangs in the region, saying these groups are expected to step up their criminal activities as the holiday season draws nearer.

In a memorandum, Chief Supt. Jesus Verzosa directed the heads of the five provincial police offices to go hard against the criminal syndicates that the police identified in a recent command conference.

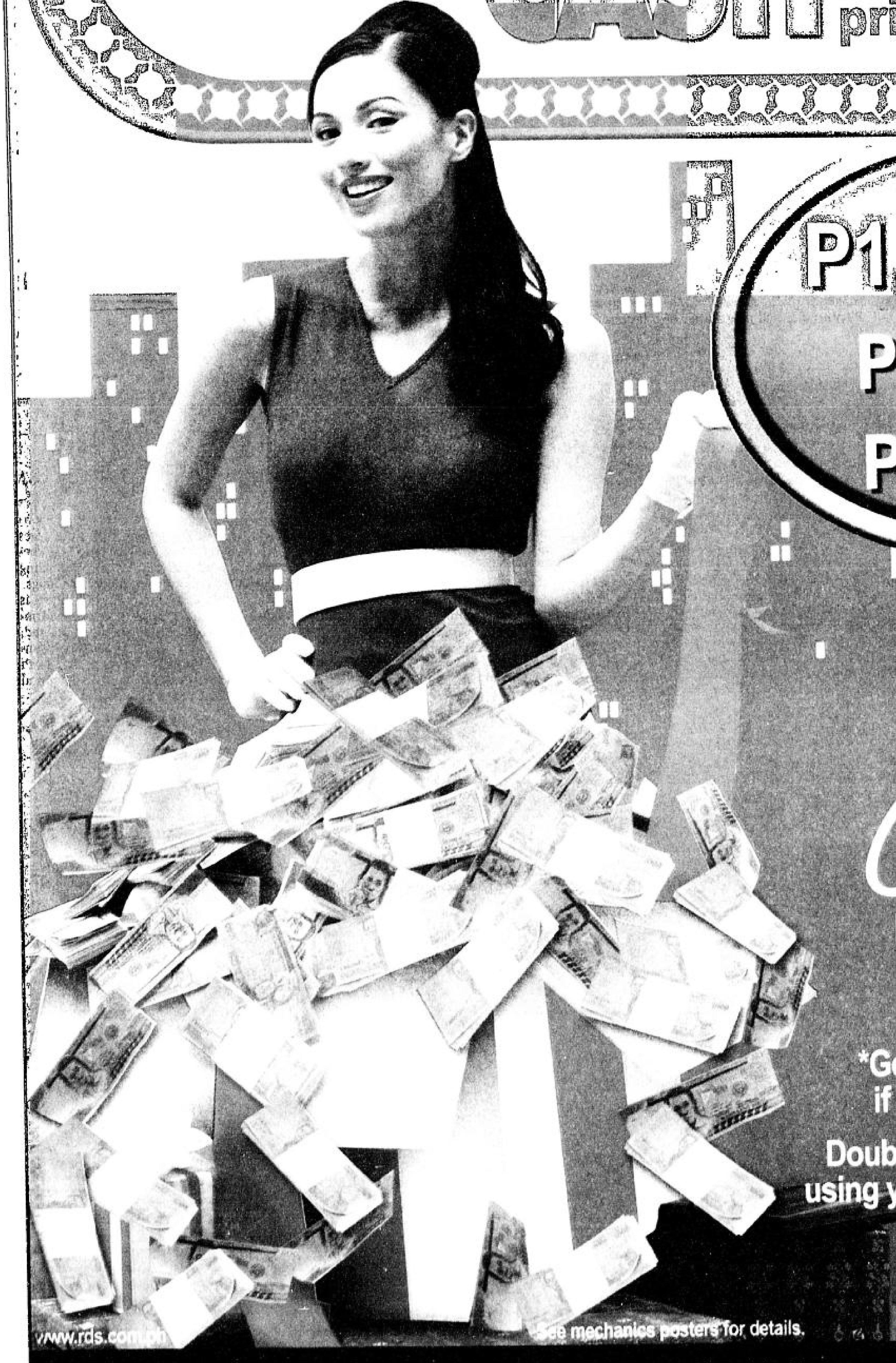
Verzosa said these crime groups were involved in bank robberies, highway robberies, hijackings, gun-for-hire activities, oil pilferage and even cell phone snatching.

He said the groups maintained at least 140 people as "regular members."

He said the renewed operation against these groups was meant to "reassure businessmen and local residents of enhanced peace and order in the region."

Verzosa said that in the past nine months, the Calabarzon police was able to neutralize three influential organized crime groups pestering businessmen and foreign nationals in Cavite, Laguna and Batangas.

He identified the groups as the Fernando Cagoco Group in Cavite, the Banson Group and the Black Shark Gang (BSG) in Batangas. *Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*



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A woman tries to earn extra income segregating paper and plastic wastes before she sells these to junk traders on Bolton Extension in Davao City.

Bulacan folk ask SC: Stop NorthRail demolition

By Philip C. Tubeza

BULACAN RESIDENTS HAVE ASKED the Supreme Court to immediately stop the demolition of their houses to pave the way for the controversial North Luzon Railways project.

In a five-page motion submitted on Friday, lawyer Herminio Harry Roque, counsel of the residents, asked the high court to immediately issue a temporary restraining order to stop the Philippine National Railways (PNR) from demolishing his clients' homes that was scheduled to start today.

"(My clients would) suffer irreparable injury such as the loss of their homes and livelihood if the court will not issue an injunction order," Roque said.

Roque said around 13,000 families in Malolos, Meycauayan, and Marilao, Bulacan would be ejected.

On Oct. 14, the families received a notice of eviction from the Office of the General Manager of the PNR giving them only 30 days from receipt of the notice to demolish their structures and leave "or face ejectment by force," Roque said.

"The period in the notice ordering petitioners to vacate the areas to be affected by the NorthRail project is scheduled to lapse on Nov. 13. On or after that date, respondents are set to proceed with the demolition of petitioners' homes and their forced relocation," he added.

Roque said the project was under a "patently void, illegal and unconstitutional contract."

"Unless immediate injunctive relief is granted, the issues raised in the petition as well as the reliefs prayed for therein will be rendered moot and academic," his motion said.

Roque and the squatters earlier asked the high court to nullify the $503-million contract and loan agreement signed between the Northrail Corp. and the China National Machinery and Equipment Corp (CNMEC), but the tribunal dismissed their petition since it raised "factual issues that had to be established at the lower court."

Roque filed a motion for reconsideration, saying that the issues raised in the petition were legal in nature that would require the high court's attention through the relief of a TRO or writ of injunction.

They cited Republic Act No. 8975, or an Act to Ensure the Expeditious Implementation and Completion of Government Infrastructure Projects, which prohibited lower courts from issuing temporary restraining orders, preliminary injunctions or preliminary mandatory injunctions on government infrastructure projects.

"Petitioners could not have filed the case with the regional trial court while seeking provisional remedies with this court as such act could easily be construed as blatant forum shopping...," he said.

Roque added that the factual issues that the court wanted to establish before a regional trial court had long been ascertained.

Camarines co-op suffers ₱249M in losses

TIGAON, CAMARINES SUR—THE Camarines Sur Electric Cooperative IV (Casureco IV), one of the power cooperatives in Camarines Sur, is suffering from financial difficulties as it accumulated more than P249 million in losses, according to an audit report of the National Electrification Administration (NEA).

In the NEA audit report dated Oct. 10, Veronica B. Cruz, director of the electric cooperatives audit department, said Casureco IV is on a losing streak with net losses amounting to P3.6 million in 2004 and P2.1 million during the period ending April 30 alone.

But Dr. Arnel Armea, Casureco IV president, said the audit report was one-sided though he acknowledged the accumulated losses that he said were incurred during the previous administrations.

The report noted that even as the collection efficiency of the cooperative was within the NEA standard of 95-100 percent, its average systems loss exceeded the cap of 14 percent.

It said while the Casureco IV availed itself of the prompt payment discount from the National Power Corp. and Transco, its last payment of power consumption was still in August last year.

"It cannot be true because the Napocor and Transco would not grant prompt payment discount if we hadn't paid our current accounts," Armea said.

The audit team led by Cruz also found out that there was fund diversion.

Cruz said the cooperative availed itself of a loan from NEA amounting to P6.3 million on April 5, 2004, for the purchase of audio visual regulator, and capacitor and rehabilitation of nine line sections.

It, however, diverted some of the funds for the rehabilitation of two barangays—Maangas, Presentacion and Canlong, Garchitorena—which suffered heavily from Typhoon "Unding," she said. *Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

ROUNDUP

Negros media react to GMA

THE NEGROS Occidental Press Club (NOPC) also took exception to the criticism of President Macapagal-Arroyo of media, saying she should identify media men who practice irresponsible journalism as there were many good journalists around. "The President I hope realizes that it is the function of media to point out errors in government. That is its function, it is not there to sing praises," said NOPC president Primo Esleyer. "The President should accept criticism because if she cannot face the truth, that is a problem," he added.

Carla P. Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau

Bicol prices stable

ILLUSTRATIONS: ALBERT RODRIGUEZ

LEGAZPI CITY—Prices of basic goods and prime commodities—from canned fish, processed milk to construction materials in the Bicol region—showed no increases a week after the implementation of the expanded value-added tax, said the Department of Trade and Industry office in the region. Reports from DTI provincial monitoring teams showed no movements in the prevailing prices of goods as of Nov. 7 compared to their prices on Oct. 25, according to Helen Manila, division chief of the Consumer Welfare Desk of the regional DTI. Manila said manufacturers told DTI that they would rather absorb increases in costs rather than lose their market share. Included in the price monitoring reports are goods such as canned fish, processed milk, infant formula, coffee refill, laundry soap, detergent bar, salt, iodized salt, flour, candles, bread, processed and canned meat, toilet soap, soy sauce, *patis*, vinegar and noodles.

MILF ready for talks

COTABATO CITY—The Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) peace panel is preparing for the next round of formal peace negotiations in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. This, despite the uncertainty on the resumption of formal talks after the government leaked the consensus points of the peace process that solicited varied reactions from the country's political leaders. In a statement, Mohagher Iqbal, MILF chief peace negotiator, said preparation is one of the basic rules of effective and successful negotiations. "If a negotiator does not prepare and underestimates the other side, it would be disadvantageous," he said. The MILF is preparing a draft peace accord while the government would have its own draft, a source privy to the talks said. According to Iqbal, the agenda for the forthcoming talks would be how to weave all the consensus points into an agreement form like what both sides did to the other two aspects of the Tripoli Agreement namely, security and rehabilitation and development. While the MILF peace panel remains uncertain when the talks would resume, Iqbal said his panel is ready anytime.

Edwin O. Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Floods kill woman, son

BACOLOD CITY—A 6-month pregnant woman and her 7-year-old son drowned while her sister was reported missing on Saturday when they were swept by floods while gathering shrimps in a fish pen in Magsungay River in Hacienda Guanzon, Barangay Mansilingan here. Rescuers found the bodies of Rosario Lacio Deocampo, 30, and son Junel floating in the sea near Villa Servando, Barangay Singcang-Airport, at about 6:46 p.m., about four hours after they were swept by floods. The two were brought to the hospital but were declared dead on arrival, police report said. Rescuers were still looking for Richel Balispen, Deocampo's sister who was set to be wed in December. Five others survived the flooding—Deocampo's other son Jestoni, 12, her elder brother Reynaldo Lacio, and his wife Ivy, and neighbors Samuel Esteban and Irene Dominguez Silva, police reports said. The group was gathering *ulang*, a kind of shrimp, and fish in a fish pen in Magsungay River to cook them for dinner later when flood from the mountains suddenly came rushing down.

Carla P. Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau

Farmers barking up wrong tree

BACOLOD CITY—The 24 farmers of an estate owned by the in-laws of President Macapagal-Arroyo should not have sued First Gentleman Mike Arroyo for non-payment of minimum wage and holiday pay because he has nothing to do with the operation of the family-owned Hacienda Bacan in Isabela, Negros Occidental. This was the contention of Negros Occidental Rep. Ignacio Arroyo Jr. who came to his brother's defense in the wake of the complaint filed by the farmers against the First Gentleman at the Department of Labor and Employment. Arroyo said Rivulet Agro-Industrial Corp., and not his brother, owns the 157-hectare Hacienda Bacan in Barangay Guintubhan, Isabela, about 78 km south of this city.

Carla P. Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau

'Parachute' method to make rice planting fun

By Anselmo Roque
PDI Central Luzon Desk

MAS MADALI TO'!

ILLUSTRATION: ANTHONY MISTADES

SCIENCE CITY OF MUÑOZ—Planting rice will now always be fun.

That's because of a new rice transplanting method that does away with the usual bending of rice planters to plant the seedlings.

The method, which is now being popularized in the country by the Philippine-Sino Center for Agricultural Technology (Philscat) here, features the throwing high in the air in a projectile manner of the seedlings to be transplanted.

Thus the method is called "parachute rice transplanting."

In this method, the pre-germinated rice seeds are grown not in the usual seedbed but in polyethelyne plastic trays with a dimension of 13 by 24 inches and a total of 353 sunken cups. The cups are provided with soil before two to three pre-germinated seeds are sown.

A total of 750 trays are needed for growing rice seedlings for a hectare area. Each tray costs P7.50.

Shorter growing time

Growing time is from 15 to 16 days before the transplanting.

Whereas it will need 35 people to finish the rice transplanting in one hectare in less than a day in the conventional transplanting system, only eight people can do the job in parachute rice transplanting.

The soil plugs that adhered to the roots of the seedlings make the plants being transplanted land in the desired area like a human parachutist landing in a target area.

Dr. Carlos Abon Jr., chief of the Philscat's hybrid rice technology division, said only P1,680 is spent for seed sowing, pulling and transplanting, and retransplanting for one hectare in parachute transplanting.

Lower costs

In the conventional method, cost for the same job for one hectare is P5,280.

Studies conducted by Philscat showed that this technique has 14 percent economic advantage over the conventional method.

Studies also showed that this technique saves the plants from damage during pulling, transporting and transplanting and saves the planter from backache because it doesn't require bending while transplanting the seedlings.

Abon said this technique is adopted by one half of the farmers in China where it originated. He said other agriculture countries which suffer from the dearth of agricultural workers may find this technique a big help.

DENR exec defends Lafayette mining in Albay

THE SCARS brought by Lafayette's mining to Binowasan village in Rapu-Rapu, Albay are not visible in its waters and coast.

GIL FRANCIS AREVALO/PDI SOUTHERN LUZON BUREAU

RAPU-RAPU, ALBAY—THE REgional director of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) continued to defend a mining firm that had spilled wastes, containing cyanide, from its operations here.

Rey Juan, MGB regional director, said while he welcomed the findings of an independent group that said the operations of Lafayette Mining Inc. used crude mining methods, he was not ready to share the group's conclusion.

"Right now I cannot further comment on the issue about the alleged ineffective state-of-the-art facilities of the LPI but the MGB has already sent a group of marine biologists to continue studying and monitoring the place," said Rey Juan, MGB regional director.

"If there's weight on any environmental violations, then I can say that we can order the LPI to permanently stop its operation," he said.

Juan was reacting to findings made by an investigating group that disputed DENR and Lafayette's claim that the company uses state-of-the-art mining methods.

The team said the use of crude methods was evident in several fish kills that occurred as a result of the mining operations in just four months.

Juan said Lafayette complied with all requirements to ensure that its operations were environmentally sound.

The investigating team conducted over the weekend an investigation of Lafayette's mine site and the areas affected by the spill from the mine's tailings pond on Oct. 11 and Nov. 1.

It said contrary to Environment Secretary Mike Defensor's projection that Bicol would be the richest region as a result of Lafayette's mining operations, the situation is the opposite.

Dr. Emelina Regis, a member of the investigating team, said residents now continue to suffer contamination on land, in water and the destruction of marine resources because of acid in mining wastes.

Earlier, Elmer Ragas, Lafayette safety and environment manager, said the company had already anticipated environmental concerns, and set up an amount of P114.8 million for environment concerns. *Gil Francis G. Arevalo, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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Rock stars MiG . . .

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"funk soul rocker." His fans have heard him render classic rock songs like they were his own. He has also treated them to soulful ballads.

After a little prodding, the rocker revealed that he was also performing at the Ad Congress with Lea Salonga. "We will be doing a duet," Ayesa said, grinning, the handsome face lit up by his amazingly beautiful blue-green eyes.

He wouldn't say what the duet would be, but for his solo numbers, he said, he would reprise a song he did on "Rock Star" and the legendary British band Queen's signature, "We Will Rock You."

Killer abs

Ayesa, who is a theater singer and actor by profession, played the lead role in the London West End production of "We Will Rock You" before joining the reality competition.

Despite losing to Canadian JD Fortune, Ayesa was a huge hit with rock fans in the United States, Australia and Asia, as much for his mesmerizing performances as for the killer abs that sent the women in the studio audience screaming whenever he ripped off his shirt after nailing a song.

Miguel Alfonso Ramon Legarda Ayesa was born in Manila on Jan. 12, 1970. His nickname, MiG, comes from the Russian MiG fighter jet. His family moved to Sydney when he was 2.

Lawyer Katrina Legarda is an aunt, and Manuel Legarda, lead guitarist of Pinoy rock band, Wolfgang, is a cousin. International pop star Enrique Iglesias, son of Julio Iglesias, is also a cousin.

Truly Pinoy

MiG has been married to Simone de la Rue since 2002. They have a Maltese named Powder.

In his own words, his Tagalog is "terrible" and "*putik*" (mud). Yet Ayesa swears he is as Pinoy as a Pinoy could be. He is a Roman Catholic and he loves to eat, he pointed out.

"I love *adobo, crispy pata, kare-kare,*" he said. "I look forward to eating those … and *suman* … and *champorado*…"

He is flying back on Friday to Los Angeles, where he is taking part in a rock awards program. But he'll be back "in exactly 12 days."

This is his message to his Filipino fans, especially those who may not see him this week: "It's great to be back here and it's nice to be amongst you again. I hope this is going to be the beginning of a beautiful friendship."

These are not empty words. Later in the afternoon, over coffee with staff members of INQUIRER Entertainment who chronicled his performances on "Rock Star," Ayesa said, "I truly felt the support from the Philippines. I'm here to pay up."

Laughing, he added, "Spread the word."

FILIPINO-AUSTRALIAN rock star **MiG Ayesa**, who placed third in the "**Rock Star INXS**" competition, and **New Yorker Constantine Maroulis**, an "**American Idol**" finalist, arrive in Manila on the same Philippine Airlines flight. ROGERMARGALLO

Soldier . . .

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As the government offensive went into its fourth day, the Armed Forces Southern Command admitted that a number of US troops were currently in Sulu, but said they were not involved in military operations but engaged in a humanitarian mission.

One soldier was wounded on Sunday night when the bandits fired mortar shells at the base of the Marine Battalion Team 4 in Barangay Siit in Panamao, said Brig. Gen. Alexander Aleo, commander of the Sulu-based Task Force Comet.

The shelling lasted two hours, Aleo said. The fighting had been previously confined to the Indanan area.

Panamao is being eyed as a pilot area for the humanitarian mission of the American troops.

US Lt. Col. Michale Donnely earlier told the INQUIRER that his men planned to upgrade the town's water system. But this may no longer be possible with Sunday's mortar attack.

At least seven soldiers were killed and up to 20 bandits were possibly dead in the clashes that began last weekend between the military and groups composed of the Abu Sayyaf and followers of Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) leader Nur Misuari.

Col. Juancho Sabban, 3rd Marine Brigade, commander, said Ustadz Habier Malik's group was behind the mortar attack.

"Some [mortars] hit the newly renovated mosque and the market place of Siit," he said.

The mosque had been renovated with the help of American soldiers and Italian philanthropist Armando D' Rossi, Sabban said.

He said he was sure no civilian was killed or hurt in the shelling "because prior to the attack, Malik's group already dispatched some information that they will retaliate to support the other group in Indanan."

Malik is the same MNLF commander who figured in fierce fighting with government troops in Panamao in February where 40 soldiers and an undetermined number of MNLF fighters were killed.

Four of the soldiers killed in the clashes were identified as Marine Sgt. Joeviel Ellanic, Sgt. Huson Callorina and Corporals Glen Arros and Benacio Paleo.

They were accorded posthumous awards by Marine Corps commandant Maj. Gen. Renato Miranda, who was in Zamboanga City yesterday.

Aleo said Malik's move in Panamao was meant "to ease up our pressure in Indanan."

Southcom's chief of staff Col. Domingo Tutaan said at least 470 families in the villages of Ba-to-bato, Buansa and Andahi had been displaced.

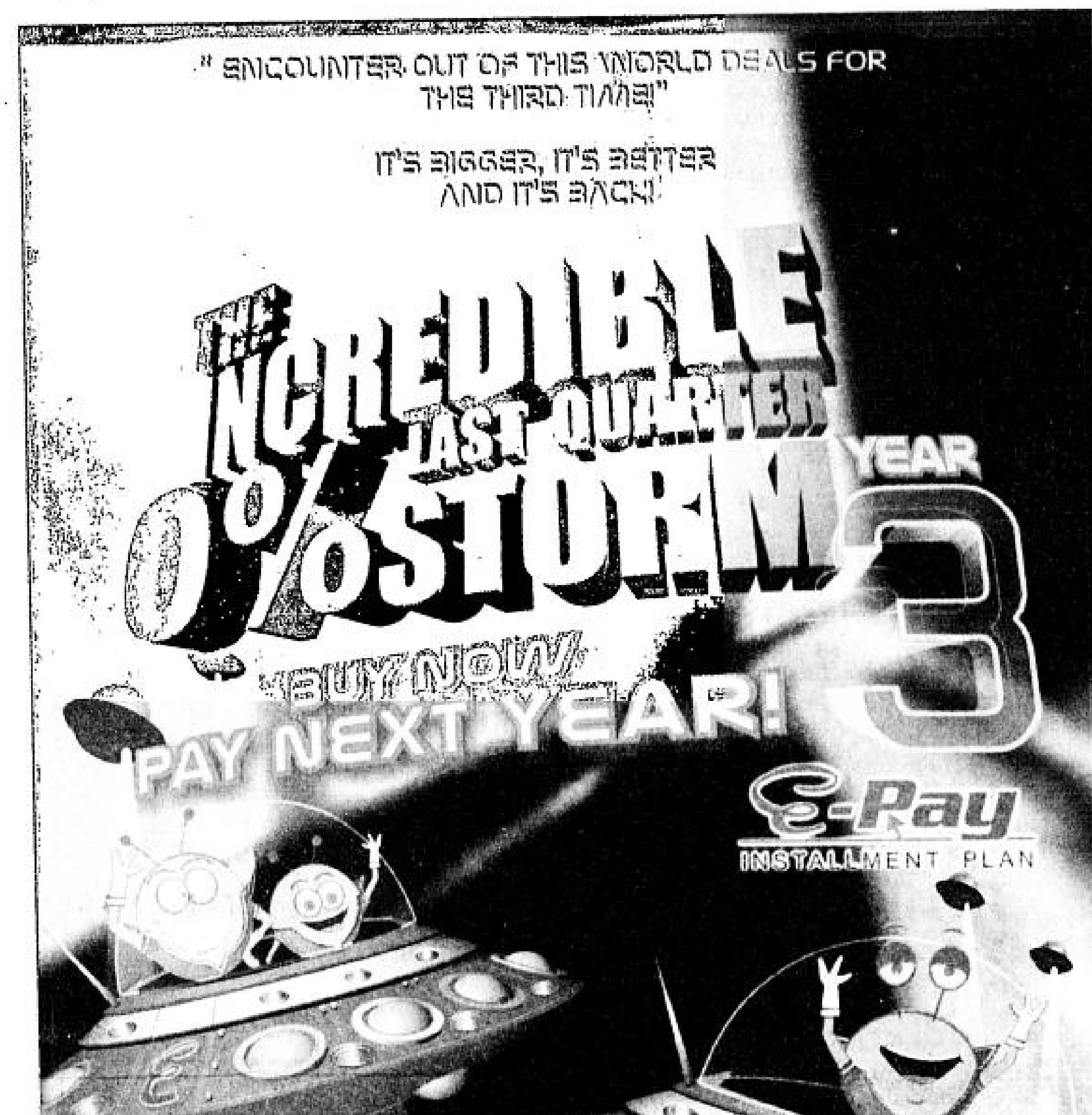
"The local government is doing its best to attend to the affected families and they were brought to safer areas," Tutaan said.

But Sulu Gov. Benjamin Loong said rice and other foodstuffs had been distributed to the evacuees.

The governor accused Khaid Adjibun, MNLF's chief of staff in Sulu, of "harboring some wanted Abu Sayyaf commanders."

The Southcom issued the denial about American involvement after Bayan Muna Rep. Joel Virador alleged that US troops had been sighted during the Jolo fighting.

Virador said he would ask today the House committee on peace, reconciliation and unity to investigate the Jolo clashes. *Julie S. Alipala and Jeoffrey Maitem, PDI Mindanao Bureau; and Dona Pazzibugan and Michael Lim Ubac in Manila*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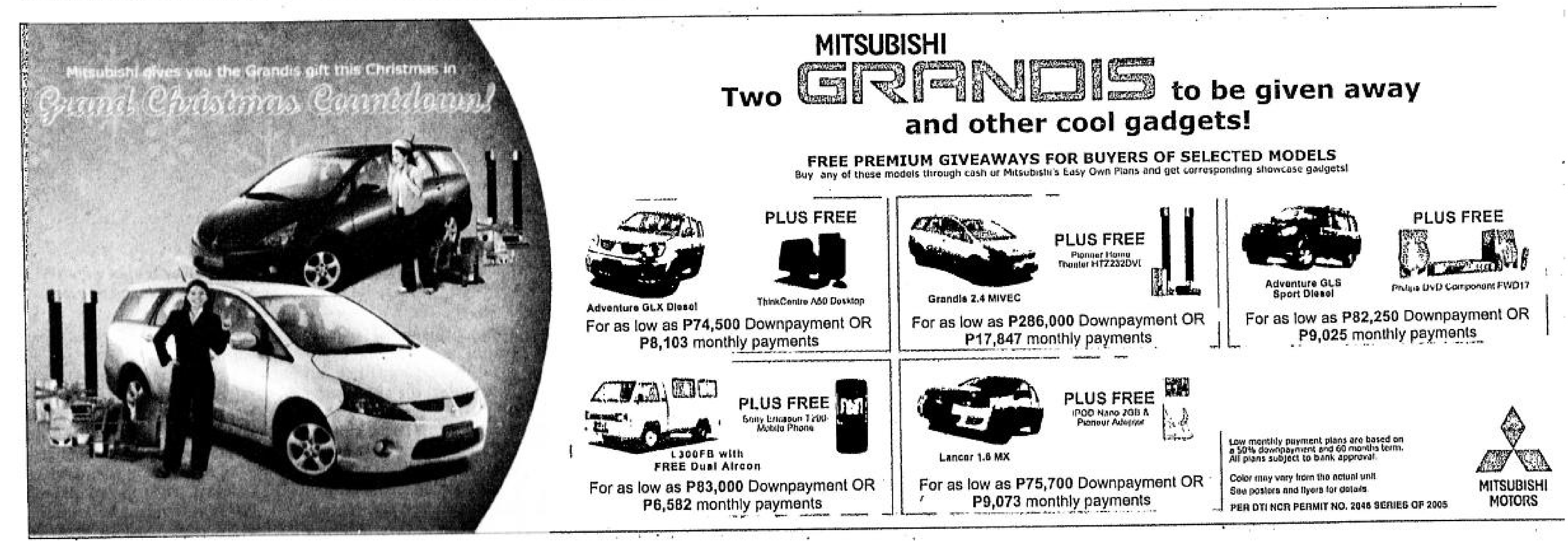
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Raps readied vs 8 Jaylo men

By Philip C. Tubeza

THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS RECommended the filing of serious illegal detention charges against eight members of the disbanded Presidential Anti-Illegal Recruitment Task Force (PAIRTF).

State Prosecutor Romeo Senson recommended that the PAIRTF members be charged in court after National Bureau of Investigation agents discovered on Nov. 4 that they were still holding eight persons in their custody although the task force had been disbanded on July 9.

"It is respectfully recommended that respondents be indicted for violation of serious illegal detention, penalized under Article 267 of the Revised Penal Code," Senson said in a five-page resolution.

PAIRTF chief Reynaldo Jaylo and several John and Jane Does, whom the NBI also charged before the DOJ, would still have to undergo a preliminary investigation since they were not arrested on Nov. 4, he added.

The task force members who are facing charges are Ernesto V. Nicomedes, Antonio T. Aliermo, Edgardo L. Ignacio, Elias H. Jaylo, Fernando J. Jardin Jr., Gerardo Quisol, Rodante B. Cortez, and Aberdo Andrade.

The case arose from an NBI inspection of the PAIRTF office at the Rizal Memorial Compound in Malate, Manila.

'Inhuman conditions'

NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco had ordered the NBI-Special Action Unit to check reports that PAIRTF detainees were being held under "inhuman conditions."

To their surprise, the NBI agents found that eight persons were still detained in the PAIRTF office.

The detainees were identified as Andres Bugarin, Rosario San Pedro, Edemer Aurelio, Lloyd Abella, Leonida Digman, Jose Roque Jr., Praxedes Opiana-Lobete, and Sarah Gerolin.

Aurelio said Jaylo and his men arrested him on Aug. 30. He added that he was not allowed to use the toilet and had to make do with a bottle and a bedpan inside the detention cell.

Digman, who was arrested on Oct. 7 on charges of illegal recruitment and estafa, said she was set up after a task force member, Mary Grace Gamore, planted fluorescent powder on her person.

Not jailers

"Because respondents are private persons, they cannot act as jailers of said detainees. They are not persons in authority or public officers," Senson said.

"With respect to Jaylo and several other John and Jane Does who were not arrested in flagrante delicto (in the act of committing an offense) on Nov. 4, they will be subjected to a regular preliminary investigation," he added.

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Why was a bad cop taken back?

SUPT. JERRY VALEROSO, CHIEF OF THE ANti-Illegal Drugs Task Group of the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO), continues to hold on to his post even after being exposed as a convicted criminal by this column.

Valeroso was sentenced in 1996 to two to four years in prison for illegal possession of a firearm and six months for grave coercion.

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo

For mysterious reasons, the case of kidnapping for ransom was downgraded to grave coercion.

For these convictions, Valeroso was booted out of the service. But about four or five years ago, he got back into the service allegedly through the intercession of a minister of an influential religious sect.

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I dug up information on Valeroso after he ordered the detention of an "Isumbong mo kay Tulfo" television crew that was following up a complaint that one of his men "planted" illegal drugs on two young men.

Up to now, even after evidence clearly showed that the young men were frame-up victims, they have not been released.

The cop who allegedly framed them, SPO1 Edgar Gaquit (not Caguit as reported earlier), continues to harass the boys' parents so they would drop the complaint against him.

"Isumbong" is helping the two young men file criminal and administrative charges against Gaquit.

Gaquit is being backed by Colonel Valeroso who, in turn, is backed by his superiors at the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO).

Tolerating the bad behavior of policemen by their superiors is the principal reason the Philippine National Police continues to be among the most abusive police forces in the world.

Another reason why the bad eggs continue to populate the PNP is the foot dragging, by agencies like the National Police Commission (Napolcom), the Internal Affairs Service (IAS) and the People Law Enforcement Board (PLEB), in hearing administrative cases filed by aggrieved citizens against cops.

As a result of the delay in the hearing of administrative cases, aggrieved citizens become disinterested in pursuing their complaints with the concerned agencies.

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The latest report said seven soldiers and 20 Abu Sayyaf members were killed in clashes between government soldiers and the bandit group in Sulu.

But how did the military arrive at the Abu Sayyaf's casualty figures when no dead body of a Muslim bandit was recovered?

The public should be given accurate figures, not guesses.

The Abu Sayyaf members are probably dying of laughter over supposed casualty figures of their group reported in the news.

1 ticket for Metro

By Tarra V. Quismundo

A CONFIDENT METROPOLITAN MANILA Development Authority (MMDA) Chair Bayani Fernando said yesterday that the Metro would soon have a unified traffic ticketing system, a uniform road apprehension system that the MMDA was mandated to enforce upon its creation in 1995.

Fernando said Metro mayors and agency officials recently agreed to talk about a unification of traffic ordinances to replace the current system where local governments implement their own traffic schemes.

"Hopefully, what will come up is one ticket for the whole metropolis, one set of rules, so there will be no confusion," he added. A technical working group from the MMDA, the Department of Interior and Local Government, and the Metro's 17 local governments would soon hold meetings to look over existing traffic ordinances as an initial step in efforts to put up a more acceptable ticket scheme

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3 nabbed in QC illegal drugs lab raid

By DJ Yap

POLICE RAIDED THE OTHER NIGHT A drug laboratory in a Quezon City subdivision that stored suspected ingredients and equipment for making illegal substances.

Three persons, including a policeman, were arrested for allegedly operating the laboratory inside a compound at 3 Rooks Road, Mendoza Village, Project 8.

A daughter of the alleged operator of the laboratory reportedly tipped off police about the hoard.

Chief Inspector Rudy Jaraza of the Quezon City Police Intelligence Division led the raid that yielded several small drums containing suspected toluene, ephedrine and other ingredients for making metamphetamine hydrochloride (shabu) and ketamine, police said. Burners, weighing scales, bottles of distilled water, among other equipment, were also discovered in a separate room that allegedly served as a laboratory to manufacture illegal drugs, Jaraza said.

The house is owned by Raquel Arellano, whose husband, a chemist, is currently detained at the Talipapa Police Station reportedly on a rape charge, said PO2 Aris San Jose.

Arellano was arrested along with SPO4 Giovanni Agas of the support group of the National Capital Region Police Office and Joe Marie Leaguso, a house helper, during the raid at 11:30 p.m. last Sunday.

Jaraza said one of Arellano's daughters had told him about the illegal activity inside the house. The police, in coordination with the Anti-Illegal Drugs Special Operations Task Force, did not need a search warrant for the raid, since the daughter had allowed them inside the house, Jaraza added.

The suspected illegal substances have been turned over to the crime laboratory for analysis. Jaraza said that they had not arrived at an estimate of how much the seized materials was worth.

NBI security system goes high tech

By Margaux C. Ortiz

A HIGH-TECH SECURITY SYSTEM WILL soon be in place at the country's premier investigating agency.

National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) Director Reynaldo Wycoco said that before the end of the month, bureau officials and employees would be required to use a security access card-proximity card (SACPC) to enter the agency's headquarters in Manila.

"We are trying to adapt measures against terrorism and plans of criminal elements to sabotage our agency," Wycoco told reporters in an interview yesterday.

He said the project, conceived two years ago, would require NBI personnel and officials to place the proximity card in front of a sensor attached to the entrance turnstile.

The NBI employee or official's face would then flash on the security monitor's screen.

"If the face on the screen does not match the face of the person attempting to enter the headquarters, that person would immediately be placed under investigation," Wycoco stressed.

The NBI director also explained that complainants who seek their assistance would be provided special identification cards which have limited access to the bureau's facilities.

He said the complainants would be received in a special waiting area where the assigned division agents would fetch them for further interviews.

Close-circuit television units have been placed all over the building to detect suspicious activities.

"We are also planning to install a metal detector dome at the entrance," Wycoco said, adding that hidden cameras would automatically take pictures of violators for future evidence.

As an added advantage, the new system would also serve as the bureau's daily time record for its personnel.

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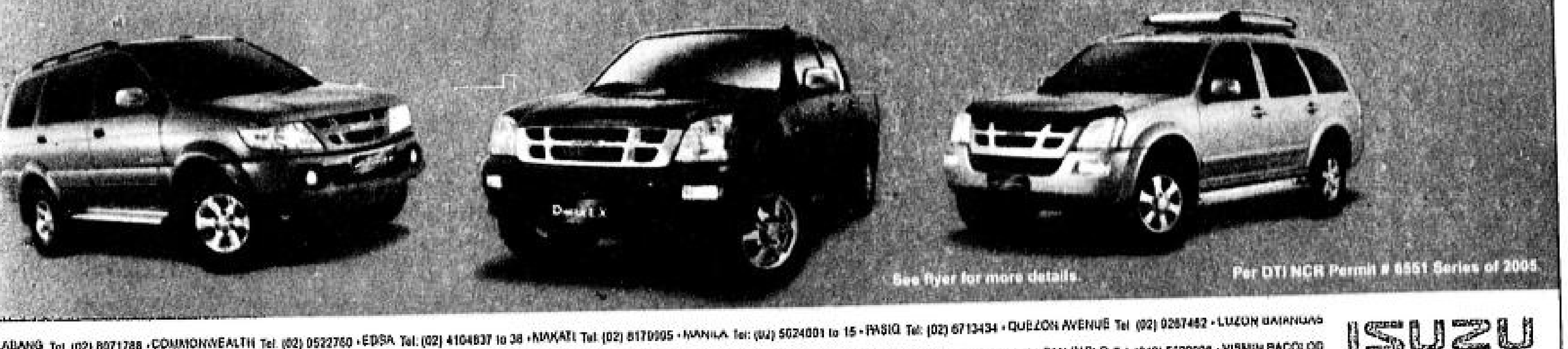

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‘No terror threat to SEA Games’

PNP chief sees no specific danger from Jemaah Islamiyah as police secure all 38 venues

By Musong R. Castillo

NO THREAT.

Philippine National Police director Arturo Lomibao yesterday assured that they have all the bases covered as far as security in the coming 23rd Southeast Asian Games is concerned.

More than 10,000 security personnel from the PNP and the military will be fielded to make sure that peace and order is maintained, even as Lomibao declared that there are no clear threats from any terror groups that may disrupt proceedings.

“This is a very big event for the Philippines,” Lomibao said during a visit to the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex on Vito Cruz. “There are no specific threats from the Jemaah Islamiyah or any terror groups.

“But we will be very cautious and we will address all problems as far as security is concerned.”

Lomibao said that SEAG Police Task Force chief Avelino Razon’s men will be covering all 39 venues to be used in the Games, which will have at least two big satellite venues in the south.

Philippine Sports Commissioner Joey Mundo and executive director Guillermo Iroy joined Philsoc-PNP liaison officer chief superintendent Rodolfo Thor, chief superintendents Leonardo Bataoil, Pedro Bulaong and Vidal Querol during the inspection and briefing.

More than 7,000 athletes and officials from 11 countries are expected to be in the country for the Nov. 27-Dec. 5 Games, and part of the security team’s responsibilities is to make sure that the flow of traffic will be in order.

With Southeast Asia still reeling from the horror of the Oct. 1 Bali bombings, officials are not discounting the possibility of a terrorist attack targeting foreign athletes.

“This kind of gathering is always a very good opportunity for them to conduct terrorism,” Chief Supt. Ismael Rafanan, head of the Philippine National Police-Intelligence Group, earlier told the INQUIRER.

Two months after terrorists struck in three cities and killed seven people, Manila hosted the 112th International Parliamentary Union, a gathering of the world’s lawmakers.

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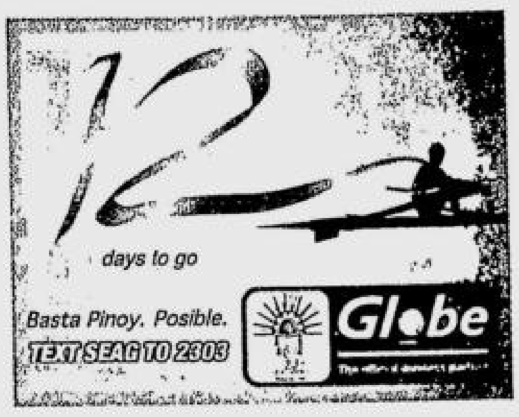
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Thais clobber RP futsal bets; dancers get going

By Jasmine W. Payo

BANGKOK—OUTMANEUVERED FROM THE START, the Philippines bowed to Thailand, 8-1, Sunday night in the preliminary round of women's futsal in the 1st Asian Indoor Games at the Bangkok Youth Center here.

"We were caught off guard," said RP coach Manny Batungbacal. "Their play was different, their movement was different. But given that it was our first international competition, I think it was a decent game."

The younger and faster Thais, composed mostly of teenagers, unleashed a five-goal blitz in the first half.

Miriam Merlin, a 29-year-old former national football player, scored the Philippines' only goal on the 26th minute. But the Thais pressed their attack, scoring three more goals in the second half.

Uzbekistan downed Jordan to share the early lead with Thailand in the four-nation field.

The loss failed to dampen the spirits of the Filipinos who looked forward to a fruitful stint in dancesport which got going last night with the RP bets tabbed among the favorites.

"We're hoping we can bring home the gold," said Linda Lagdameo, who will be competing in the standard fox trot and tango events with six-year dance partner Joel Ocsena.

"This team has competed and won in many international competitions, but we still get nervous while watching the other countries during practice," said Lagdameo, hours before the dancesport competition kicked off at the Huamark Sports Complex.

"Looking at the other teams, they're very well trained. The Japanese and Koreans are well-prepared."

The country's top two dance pairs—veterans Michael Mendoza and Belinda Adora and the young tandem of John Erolle Melencio and Dearlie Gerodias—will be leading the Philippines' bid for the 12 gold medals at stake in the Standard and Latin American disciplines.

Leading the overall medal haul on the third day of the nine-sport competition was Kazakhstan with a 9-1-0 gold-silver-bronze tally. China was second at 3-3-2.

Kazakhstan dominated the early events in swimming (100m men's breaststroke, 200m men's individual medley, 4x100m men's freestyle relay and 50m men's freestyle) and athletics (men's high jump, men's long jump, pentathlon, men's pole vault and women's triple jump).

China captured golds in three women's swimming events (100m breaststroke, 200m individual medley and 4x100m freestyle relay).

The Philippines is competing in only five events and did not field entries in swimming and athletics, the tournament's centerpiece sports.

Batungbacal said the futsal team, which he formed and trained only five months ago, will perform better against Uzbekistan and Jordan.

"I'm confident that we'll get our rhythm in our next games," said Batungbacal.

Thailand first scored through Porntip Sae-Koo in the 12th minute. A few seconds later, Sirirat Chumrat, made it 2-0.

The onslaught continued as Thailand quickly scored in the next three minutes through the 17-year-old pair of Potjaman Sanguansong and Nittaya Mankhong and 19-year-old Punyanud Komloy.

After Merlin put the Philippines on the scoreboard, 17-year-old Nipa Tiansawang responded for Thailand, scoring two of her team's three goals in the second half.

Raymundo, Yap running 1-2 as top Fiesta bets

By June Navarro

IT WAS ONLY FITTING THAT ITS TWO BEST homegrown players received most of the credit when Purefoods Chunkee grabbed the lead after the first round of the San Mig Coffee-PBA Fiesta Conference.

Kerby Raymundo and James Yap emerged 1-2 in the race for the best player of the tournament after the Giants ended the first half of the classification phase sporting a 6-2 record.

Averaging 16 points, 7.4 rebounds and two blocks in eight games, the flashy Raymundo earned a total of 527 statistical points, while Yap's 17.5-point and 4.5-rebound effort netted the Purefoods' sniper 502 SPs for second place.

Their overall value is expected to rise further following the Giants' victories over the Coca-Cola Tigers and the Red Bull Barako that solidified their grip on the solo leadership at 8-2.

Breathing down Yap's neck are Asi Taulava and Jimmy Alapag of the Talk 'N Text Phone Pals, who dropped to second (6-3) following a stunning defeat at the hands of the Sta. Lucia Realtors in a provincial game during the weekend.

Taulava registered 12.1 points and 11.4 rebounds after eight games to earn 492 SPs, while Alapag, who has been churning out at least 10 points and 10 assists a night, compiled 480 SPs.

Barangay Ginebra's top local Mark Caguioa and San Miguel Beer's Danny Seigle have amassed 479 SPs on the strength of their identical 18.5 points average.

Freshman Jondan Salvador of Purefoods (11.1 ppg and 7.4 rpg) and Renren Ritualo of Air21 (16.6 ppg and 3.6 rpg) garnered 458 and 414 SPs, respectively. Rounding up the top 10 are Alaska's Jeffrey Cariaso (413), Ginebra's Rommel Adducul (411) and Purefoods' Roger Yap (405).

Air21's Wynne Arboleda, the league leader in steals with a 2.4-average per outing, stood 15th with 379 SPs.

In the race for the Rookie of the Year plum, Michael Holper of Ginebra is on top with 315 SPs. Talk 'N Text's Mark Cardona is a surprise runner-up with 297 SPs while Alex Cabagnot of Sta. Lucia has 283 SPs.

Meanwhile, Purefoods coach Ryan Gregorio will call the shots for the North All-Stars while Joel Banal of Talk 'N Text will coach the South squad during the PBA All-Star Week on Nov. 24-26 in Laoag City.

LEAGUE LEADER: Purefoods Chunkee Giants' Kerby Raymundo (right) battles for possession with Alaska import Tee McClary. RYAN LIM

Champ Team car for Peña in Macau GP

DADO PEÑA MET WITH HIS NEW TEAM AFTER arriving in Macau yesterday, wasting no time familiarizing himself with the Champ-Team car being put into top condition by a familiar crew in time for the Macau Formula Three Grand Prix on Nov. 20.

Peña flew to Macau via Tiger Airways from Clark and was briefed by Mark Goddard, Team Goddard-Minardi Team Asia owner who is in charge of providing engineering support to the Champ Team, along with a Filipino chief engineer, Berto Bautista.

Peña, 18, sixth placer in the 25-driver championship division of the recent Asian Formula Three Grand Prix, will compete in the Formula Renault race, one of the major side events of the Macau Formula Three Grand Prix.

"I am pretty confident with the car being set up by Mark. I raced in his cars in the AF3 and I am sure the Champ car I will be driving in the Formula Renault will not let me down," said Peña, son of AF3 chair Ed Peña.

The young Pena's participation is backed by International Container Terminal Services Inc., Hanjin Shipping, PLDT MyPad, PLDT My DSL, Addict Mobile and Tigerairways.com.

Sy sets out to end 42-year drought

SPEEDTECH ASIA'S TYSON SY, DESPITE DISappointing results in the last two legs of the 2005 Asian Formula 3 series, seeks to become the first Filipino in 42 years to win in the Macau Grand Prix when he takes part in the Asian Formula Renault Challenge on Nov. 20.

Sy came to the Batangas stages fresh from a sweet sweep at Sentul in Indonesia and had a chance at turning the tables on eventual overall champion Ananda Mikola with victories in the last two legs.

"I'm really sad with what happened," said Sy, referring to his misfortunes at the Batangas Racing Circuit last week where he finished fifth in the 11th leg and failed dropped out after eight laps in the 12th. "I feel like I let you all down."

Instead, Sy will now have to train his sights on duplicating a feat last achieved by the late Arsenio "Dodjie" Laurel in 1963 when he races in Macau against the brightest in the region.

SEAG-ready lady booters crush Hong Kong

By Marc Anthony Reyes

THE PHILIPPINE WOMEN'S FOOTBALL team survived the embarrassment of scoring on its own goal to demolish Hong Kong, 4-1, last night and boost its buildup for the Southeast Asian Games late this month.

After a tentative start that gave the visitors the early lead following an error by RP goalie Levis Camarillo, the Filipinas unloaded four goals, three of them late in the second half.

"We are happy with the performance of our team," said team manager Ernie Nierras. "We would be very disappointed if we don't win the gold medal in the SEAG."

It was the third of a four-game tune-up series by the Filipinas against Hong Kong at the PhilSports field. They split the first two matches with Hong Kong winning last Saturday, 1-0, before RP fought back later that night with a 5-0 triumph.

An off-balanced kick by Camarillo during a goalmouth scramble bounced back and rolled past her and into the RP goal in the fifth minute.

After a series of misses, Edna Agrabante broke through with a 60-foot looper on the 30th minute to tie the game.

Ching Ching Delos Reyes, subbing for Fil-Am Miko Ally, scored on a short roller on the 71st minute and Malou Rubio struck on a header to make it 3-1.

Jo Loren capped the scoring with a penalty kick on the 77th minute after Hong Kong's L.L. Chu fouled Agrabante.

Team manager Cathy Nazareno-Rivilla said the RP booters didn't train extensively overseas unlike other national sports associations although they managed to face Thailand and Myanmar five months ago.

"We have a very good chance of winning the gold medal because they (rivals) don't know what to expect from us," said Rivilla, noting the RP side's speed and endurance.

The Philippines has a bye in the first round then battles Thailand and Indonesia.

Snakes

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

THE SNAKE ISN'T AS CUDDLY AS, SAY, A dog or a cat.

But don't tell that to Tita Alice Andrada, the feisty director of the National Golf Association of the Philippines.

"I love snakes," Tita Alice swears. "They make me happy."

She keeps snakes as pets in her beautiful house in Iligan City.

"I even have a white snake," Tita Alice says. "*Iyong albino ba*. (The albino type)."

While many among us, indeed, consider a snake a dreadful reptile, there are people who enjoy the company of snakes.

I love watching snakes but only when they are caged.

Incidentally, a snake about four feet long entered my house recently—but then, sorry, that's another item crying to be told in another column.

In many golf courses in America, snakes abound, particularly in the rough.

"They are usually rattle snakes," says *balikbayan* Soc Sison from San Francisco.

Soc says he and most American duffers avoid straying into the rough, particularly on municipal links.

"It's there where the rattle snakes usually rest," Soc says. "That's why we always elect to declare our balls lost when they stray into the rough."

Years ago, unmindful of this fact, Jake Ayson and I would search for our balls in the rough following errant shots (mostly slices).

In one trip to America in the '80s, Jake and I played golf in Los Angeles almost every day for a week on different courses in the company of the Bulletin's Ding Marcelo.

On our ball-searching forays in the rough, we did not only find our balls that easily but also so many other golf balls of different brands that are mostly new.

Fortunately for the two of us (Ding, being the better player than us, hit fairways most of the time), we never ran into a snake even just for once.

But I did encounter a couple of snakes on the golf course twice—one in Bangkok, and another in a golf course in Laguna.

The one in Bangkok was a cobra. My caddy immediately saw it as she and I were proceeding to the tree-lined rough.

"Sir, snake!" she stammered.

She ordered me to stop immediately, holding my shoulder. The cobra, about five meters away, had expanded its neck as it stared us squarely in the eye, seemingly ready to attack.

"No move, Sir," my caddy said.

We stood there motionless for what seemed like an eternity, my grip on my 3-wood tight as it can be as I engaged the cobra in an eye-to-eye combat.

Luckily for us (or the cobra?), the snake backed off before slithering away in a nearby canal.

I let out a sigh of relief before we started walking backwards to the fairway. Because it was a fun tournament, I was allowed to drop a new ball and abandon the original ball altogether.

My second encounter with a snake was a python. Again, my approach was errant and, and as I approached my ball, I saw the snake soundly asleep—coiled like a brown giant pipe beside a kakawati tree. Its width the size of Britney Spears' arm, the python must have measured about 8 feet long and was about 4 meters from where my ball lay.

I took a drop at a safe distance and proceeded to play from there.

Later in the clubhouse, while I was having beer, a fellow came and offered food.

"*Adobong ahas*, Sir (broiled snake, Sir)," said the guy, who turned out to be a friend of my caddy.

I politely refused.

"I eat eels but not snakes," I said. "Thanks, anyways."

I could have added: "Besides, I don't eat pets."

Tita Alice would have been proud.

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SPORTSWATCH

23rd SEA Games action on ABC 5

THE ASSOCIATED BROADCASTING CO. (ABC-5) HAS SECURED THE BROADcasting rights for the 23rd Southeast Asian Games here from Nov. 27 to Dec. 5. As lead broadcaster of the biennial meet, ABC Sports will provide more than 100 hours of airtime covering the exploits of the country's top athletes as Team Philippines fights for overall supremacy in the region. Included in the agreement forged between ABC Sports and the Philippine SEAG Organizing Committee are several broadcast innovations designed to keep Filipino sports fans glued to their seats on every medal potential the network will be covering. ABC Sports will air matches in billiards and athletics, the centerpiece event of the Games. ABC officials have agreed to include athletics in its broadcast menu after basketball was stricken off the list of disciplines. The network, owned by Tonyboy Cojuangco, will also come up with graphically designed updates and highlights, PBA-style.

Mayor Saki Cup golf tees off at Sherwood

IMUS, CAVITE—THE 5TH MAYOR SAKI CUP, A FUND-RAISING GOLF TOURNAment organized by Imus Mayor Homer T. Saquilayan, fires off today at the Sherwood Golf & Country Club in Trece Martirez City. More than 100 players, including executives from business establishments, residential and industrial estates in Cavite province as well as members of the Cavite Golfer's Association are expected at the first tee. Saquilayan said the proceeds will benefit the Imus Municipal Tourism Council, the town's non-government and civic organizations as well as the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Church. This year's principal sponsor is Earth and Style Corp. Major sponsors are Liwayway Marketing Corp., Construction Strategies & Management Corp., Property Company of Friends, Nicorp Management & Realty Development Corp., ACM Landholdings Inc., Robinsons Place-Imus and LLSP (Lim, Leveriza, Sey, Pangilinan) Dev't Corp.

Salud hosts P5-M pre-Christmas derby

THE 2005-06 COCKFIGHTING SEASON KICKS OFF WITH A BANG with the P5-million Pre-Christmas 6-Cock Derby hosted by respected Cebuano boxing promoter and cocker Rex "Wackee" Salud. The 12-day event sponsored by Thunderbird Platinum and Bexan-XP opens with its first elimination day on Dec. 1 and ends with the 3-cock finals on Dec. 17. Nine 3-cock eliminations offer a champion's prize of P100,000 daily for an entry fee of P11,000. The battle opens at the Negros Coliseum in Bacolod City (for inquiries, call Choy Ampil at 034-4323751 or 0917-3661922) on Dec. 1, 2 and 3 with the first phase of the elims backed by Thunderbird Enertone. Action shifts to the Guani Cockpit in Cagayan de Oro City (call Caloy Lam at 0915-3277615 or 0920-9069871 for querries) on Dec. 8, 9 and 10.

Boom Boom stakes title vs Ameme Saturday

REIGNING WORLD BOXING ORganization Asia-Pacific bantam champion Rey "Boom Boom" Bautista will spend his last few days of training in the company of his folks before defending his title this Saturday against Tanzanian Obote Ameme in a 12-rounder at the CPG Sports Complex in Tagbilaran City.

Bautista, who has been honing up at the Ala Gym in Cebu, will be accompanied by manager Tony L. Aldeguer, trainer Edito "Ala" Villamor, and stablemate Czar Amonsot.

The 20-year-old Amonsot, also of Tagbilaran, is challenging WBO Aspac super feather king Victor Mausol of Indonesia in the 12-round co-feature.

Also due in Cebu today is WBO Asia Pacific co-chair Leon Panoncillo, who will personally supervise the "Bakbakan sa Tagbilaran" card. *Salven L. Lagumbay, Contributor*

RACING

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Race 4—1. Pride of Mandaue 2. Tony's Secret. 3. Jajle/Witch Craft 4. Epic Energy

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Race 6—1. Hok Kee Hok 2. Red Hot Water 3. Top Markoflo 4. Prime Enforcer

Race 7—1. Letshaveaparty/Worth Ur While 2. Rebound 3. Halo and Hearty 4. Capricorn Aida 5. Gelay's Charm

Race 8—1. Real Material 2. Look of Love 3. Guts 4. Nagmamahal 5. Playing Cool 6. Cool Turner

Ombudsman clears top Philracom execs

TOP OFFICIALS OF THE PHILIPPINE Racing Commission (Philracom) led by chair Jaime A. Dilag have been cleared by the Office of the Ombudsman of criminal and administrative charges filed against them by a beleaguered horseowner.

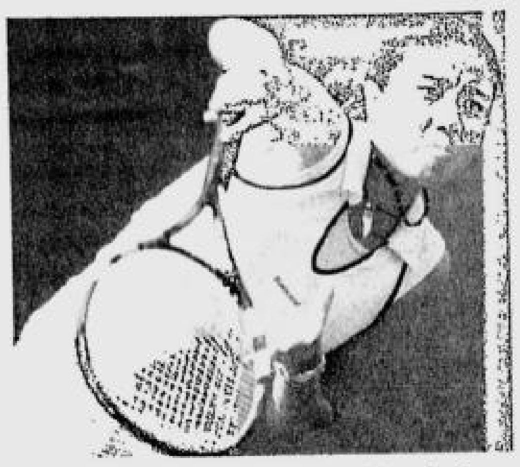
The complaints were found to be lacking in merit.

In a decision penned by Graft Investigation and Prosecution Officer II Rogelio A. Ringpis and approved by Deputy Ombudsman for Luzon Victor C. Fernandez, the Office of the Ombudsman said it found no probable cause to elevate the criminal complaint for trial nor did it find any substantial evidence to sustain the administrative charges leveled against the officials.

Cleared with Dilag were commissioners Eduardo Jose, Vergel Cruz, Eduardo Domingo Jr., Rogelio Tandiama and Reynaldo Fernando, as well as erstwhile deputy executive director Romeo Buencamino.

The Ombudsman declared that criminal imputations for alleged violation of the Anti-Graft Law filed by horseowner William Dagan against the Philracom officials suffer from ambiguity, vagueness, prematurity and triviality.

It added that "the complainant appears to be forum shopping," for he also filed identical cases against the respondents before three other government agencies.



FILIPINO Denise Dy is a wildcard bet in the main draw. RYAN LIM

ITF CIRCUIT 2

Two wins put Pang in singles matches

MICHELLE PANG PULLED OFF TWO WINS in yesterday's final qualifying to complete the 32-player singles main draw in the Holcim ITF Women's Circuit 2 starting today at the Rizal Memorial Tennis Center.

The 17-year-old Pang, born in the Philippines to a Singaporean father and a Chinese mother, downed American Marie Zalameda, 6-2, 6-4, in the first round and then scored a 6-2, 6-0 victory over Australian Abby Hedges to make it to the tournament proper kicking off at 10 this morning.

Other qualifiers were Korean Kim Jung-eu, American Julianna Gates, Japanese Hiromi Okazaki and Hong Kong's Zhang Ling, who all beat Filipino rivals. Also making it were American Maureen Diaz, Taiwanese Kao Shao-yuan and Slovak Maja Kambic.

Kim booted out Jessica Agra, 6-2, 6-2; Gates eliminated Ara Micayabas, 6-1, 6-1, Okazaki ousted Maria Shirley Valler, 6-2, 6-1, and Zhang downed Trudy Gine Amoranto, 6-1, 6-1. Diaz outclassed fellow American Zena Williams, 6-4, 6-1; Kao also made it at the expense of compatriot Kao Shao-yan and Kambic outlasted Briton Rachel Hall, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

World No. 504 Taiwanese Hwang I-hsuan is the tournament top seed.

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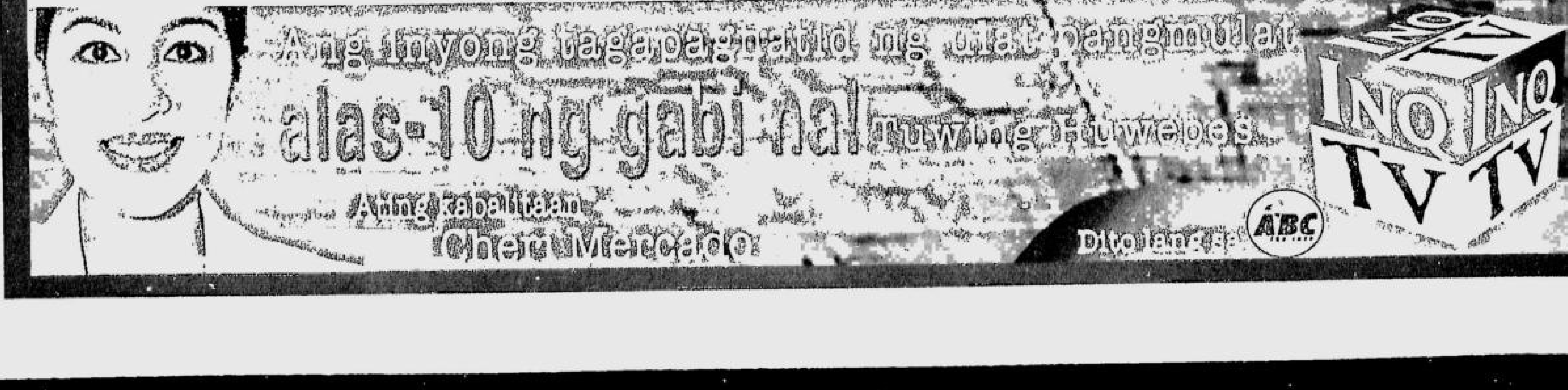

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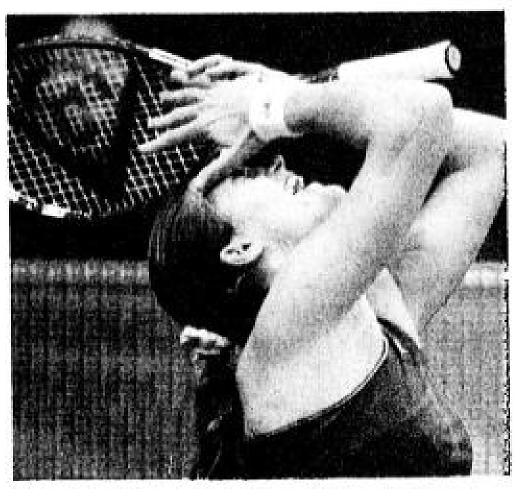


MAURESMO jubilates after beating Pierce.

AP

Sonics silence Raptors

TORONTO — RASHARD LEWIS scored 41 points and the Seattle SuperSonics blew an 18-point lead in the fourth quarter but recovered to beat the winless Toronto Raptors, 126-121, in overtime in the NBA on Sunday.

Nick Collison added 20 points for the Sonics, who lost by 41 points to Washington on Friday. Their only other victory this season was in overtime against Minnesota on Nov. 4.

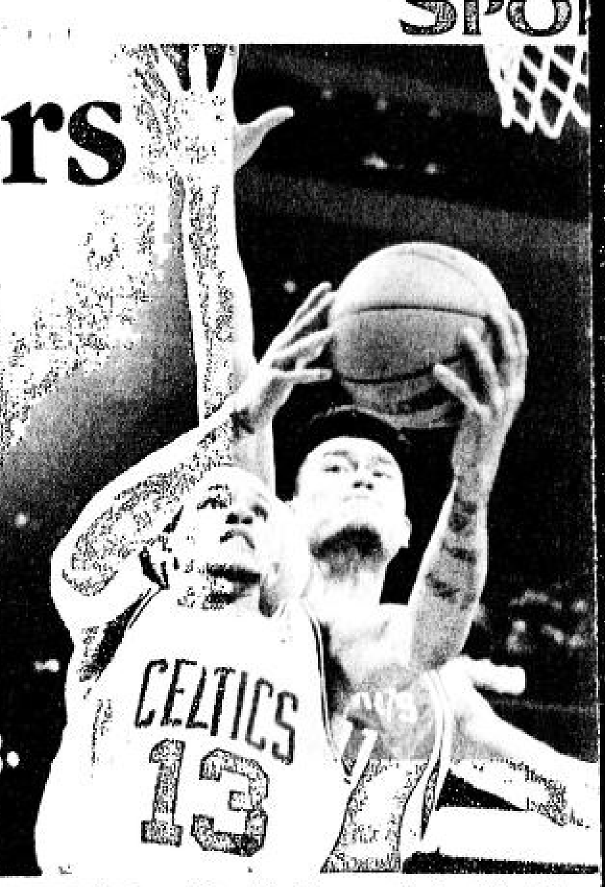
Mike James had a career-high 36 points for the Raptors, whose record is 0-6 for the first time in their 11-year history. Rookie Charlie Villanueva added 26 points and 12 rebounds.

Seattle led by as many as 18 in the fourth, but James cut the lead to a point with a 3-pointer with 26 seconds left. Vladimir Radmanovic made two free throws with 4.2 seconds remaining to make it 117-114, but James made a free throw before intentionally missing the second.

Chris Bosh grabbed the offensive rebound and made a shot jumper, tying it at the buzzer. *AP*

Complete results

Seattle 126, Toronto 121 (OT); Cleveland 108, Orlando 100 (OT); Boston 102, Houston 82; Philadelphia 113, LA Clippers 108.



CELTICS' Delonte West (L) drives past Rockets' Yao Ming.

Mauresmo captures all-French title duel

LOS ANGELES—AMELIE MAURESMO rallied from a set down to outlast compatriot Mary Pierce, 5-7, 7-6, 6-4, in the WTA Championships final on Sunday, making her the first Frenchwoman to win the season-ending tournament.

In a compelling contest that spanned three hours and six minutes, the tireless Mauresmo's brilliant defense and athleticism carried her to the biggest title of her career in her second appearance in the final of the eight-woman event.

"It's great," Mauresmo said. "So many people said I couldn't win. I'm so glad I went through this moment. Hopefully there will be many more like this."

Considered one of the tour's most talented players never to have won a grand slam title, the 26-year-old fourth seed proved she had the credentials to triumph at the highest level by capping a week of solid tennis with a gritty victory in the final.

"You have some ups and downs," Mauresmo added. The Fed Cup team mates traded early breaks in the first set before the 30-year-old Pierce gained a vital 6-5 lead when Mauresmo erred on a forehand. *Reuters*

Spring downs UCM 5

SPRING COOKING OIL relied on the heroics of former UST mainstay Derrick Hubalde to roll back UCM Auto Aircon-Lyceum, 81-69, and boost its chances for one of two outright semifinal berths in the 2005 PICAA Open basketball tournament Sunday at the Philippine Buddhacare gym in Quezon City.

Hubalde, son of former PBA great Freddie, mocked all guards thrown at him to score 26 points and give the Cooking Oil Masters of shooting champion Nathaniel "Tac" Padilla their fourth win in five games in the tourney sponsored by Hang Ten, Tomish Cafe, Absorba Sportswear and Chloe Lightings.

Gilbert Neo and Rodel Manuel also scored in double figures for Spring which bounced back from a heart-breaking 76-79 setback to King's Bakeshop last Nov. 11.

Mal&More/Burlington/PCCr outlasted El Abarsoza, 82-78, to keep its hopes alive with its third win in five games.

The scores:

SPRING 81—Hubalde 26, Neo 17, Manuel 14, Caceres 8, Yambao 5, Capobres 4, Corbin 2, Tiongco 2, Reyes 2, De Castro 2, Inigo 1.

UCM-LYCEUM 69—Fampulme 14, Tiongco 13, Balboa 10, Marquez 9, Bauzon 7, Roque 6, Calimag 4, Veranga 2, Scott 2, Mendoza 2.

Dragfest Saturday

REGISTRATION IS still ongoing for the kickoff of the 2005 PCSO National Drag Racing Championship series slated this Saturday at the BRC Drag Strip in Rosario, Batangas.

Deadline for registration will be at 9 p.m. on Saturday as the races will start at 9:30 p.m.

Full safety measures will be enforced in this event held in cooperation with the Automobile Association of the Philippines (AAP) and sponsored by PCSO, Petron, Sparco and supported by Philippine Shell Petroleum Corp., Denso Spark Plugs, Casino Flipino, GV 99.9 FM and DaBest 98.5 FM.

"Safety is our first and foremost concern," said BRC Drag Racing director Fil Gulfin.

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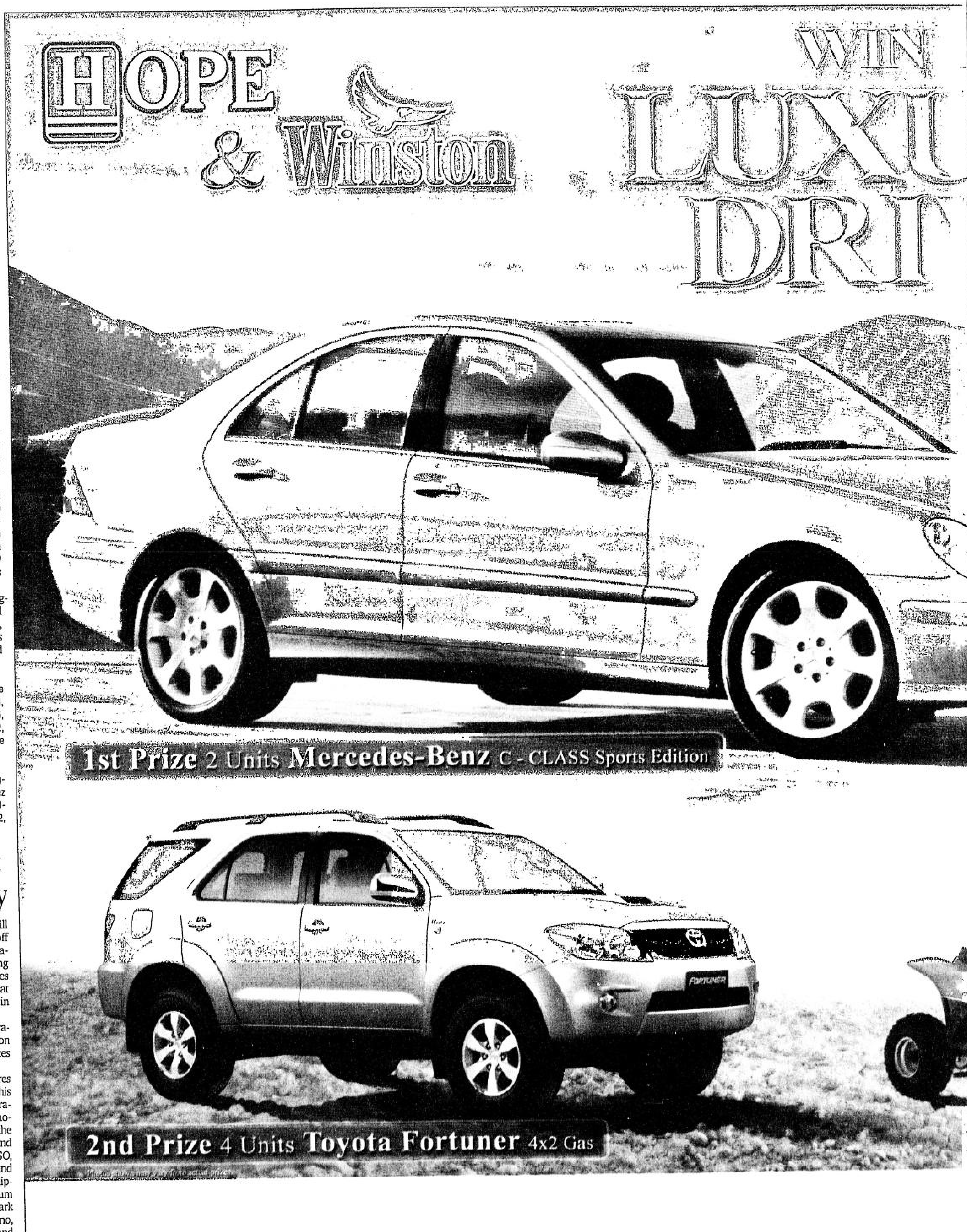
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Kim wins T of C; Jenny bags $8,000

MOBILE, ALABAMA—AMERICAN Christina Kim fired a five-under par 67 here Sunday to win the LPGA $850,000 Tournament of Champions, edging Australian Rachel Hetherington by a stroke for her second tour triumph.

Filipino Jennifer Rosales closed out with a 73 and wound up tied for 27th place at 288. Her effort was worth $8,000.

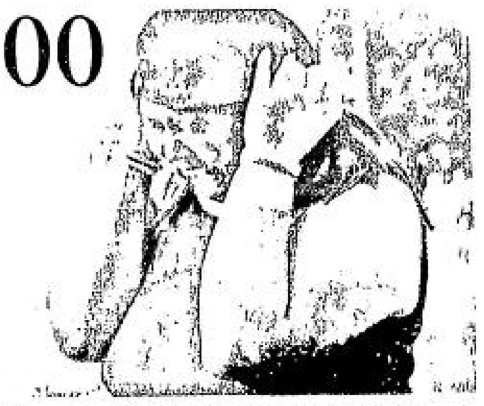
The 21-year-old Californian qualified for the event by virtue of her only prior LPGA victory, which came in last year's Longs Drugs Challenge. Kim's best finish this year in 28 prior starts was third at Franklin, Tennessee, in April.

"I heard so many people say the second win is the hardest to get," Kim said. "All of these girls know how to win because they've done it before.

"There were only 42 others here and to know that I can beat them, it's an incredible feeling."

Kim finished on 15-under par 273 with Hethering on 274 after a finishing 68 and Sweden's Liselotte Neumann third on 276 after a closing 71. Neumann led Kim and Hetherington by a stroke when the final round began.

After birdies at the third and fourth holes, Kim suffered her only bogey at the par-4 seventh hole. She answered with birdies at the ninth, the 11th, 12th and 16th for the victory. *AFP*



KIM exults after sinking the winning putt. AP

Kasaeva sets clean, jerk mark

DOHA, QATAR—ZAREMA KASAEVA OF RUSSIA set a world record in the clean and jerk Sunday in the women's 69-kilogram category at the World Weightlifting Championships. The 18-year-old Russian hoisted 157 kilograms in her final attempt after Liu Haixia of China lifted 154 in her third attempt to eclipse the previous record of 153 set by Liu Chunhong at the 2004 Athens Olympics. Liu Haixia's record lasted for only a minute at the Sheikh Jassim Stadium's multi-purpose hall. Kasaeva won the gold with a total of 275 after lifting 118 in the snatch. The 275 total equaled the overall world record set by Liu Chunhong last year at the Olympics. *AP*

Perry-Houston duo tops shootout

NAPLES, FLORIDA—AMERICANS Kenny Perry and John Huston fired a final-round 13-under par 59 in a scramble format here Sunday, rallying from two strokes down to capture the Franklin Templeton Shootout.

Huston and Perry finished on 30-under par 186, one stroke ahead of US veteran Fred Couples and Australian Adam Scott, who went 10-under on the final day, and three ahead of Zimbabwe's Nick Price and American Mark O'Meara.

Scott and Couples led by two strokes when the day began at the 54-hole event, a made-for-television post-PGA Tour season pairs event.

The final round featured a best-ball format while the first round was played under a modified alternate shot format while the second used a better-ball format.

Host Greg Norman and fellow Aussie Steve Elkington had the best score of the last round, 17-under, to rise from 11th to fourth in the 12-duo event on 190.

John Daly and Tim Herron matched Fred Funk and Jason Gore for fifth, both US duos finishing on 193. *AP*

Jin rips world track record

BORMIO, ITALY—JIN SUN-YU OF SOUTH KOREA set a world record in the women's 1,000 meters, and Apolo Anton Ohno of the United States captured his second gold medal Sunday at a World Cup short-track speedskating meet. Jin finished her race in 1 minute, 30.037 seconds, beating Yang Yang of China and Tatiana Borodulina of Russia in the final. The previous record of 1:30.171 had been set by China's Wang Meng at Hangzhou on Oct. 2. Ohno, the Olympic champion at the 2002 Games, won the 3,000 in 5:44.636, beating Lee Ho-suk and Ahn Hyun-soo of South Korea.

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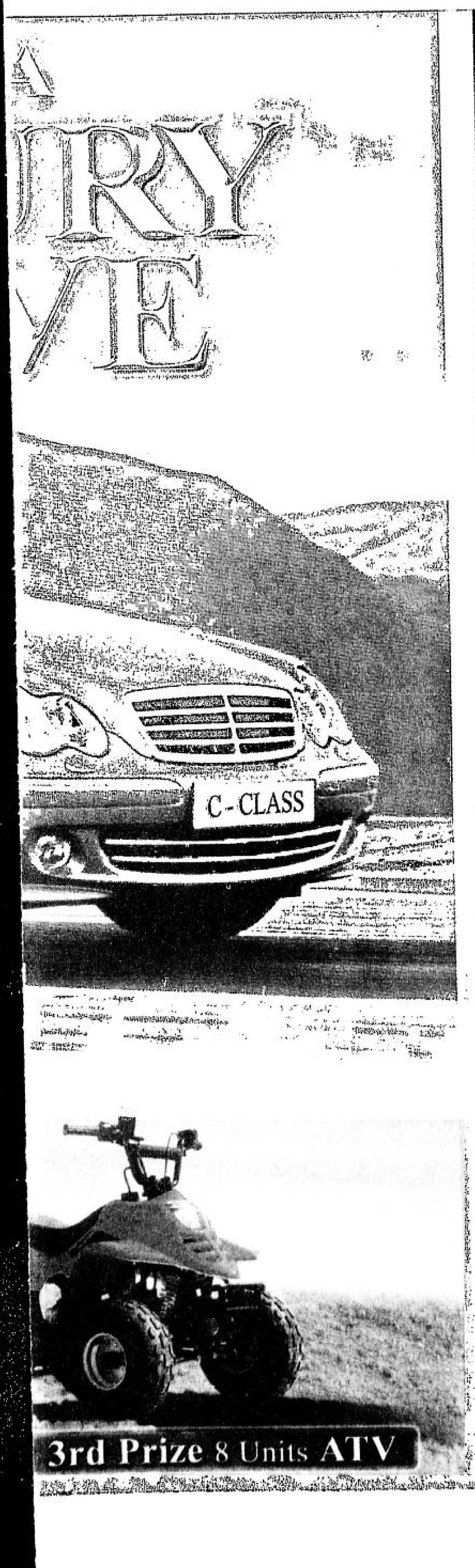

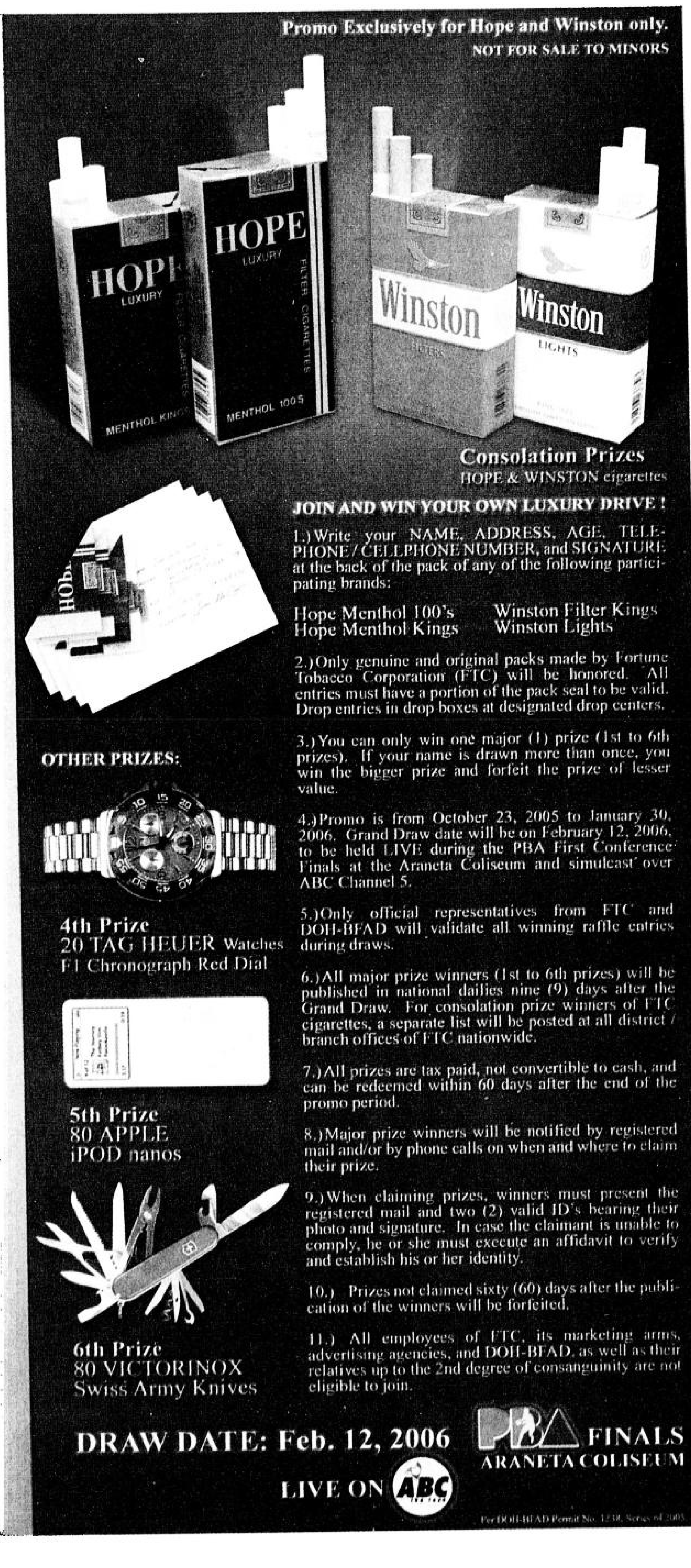
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Wushu bets to sparkle

WUSHU IS CONFIDENT of improving its showing in Vietnam two years ago when the Philippines hosts the 23rd Southeast Asian Games here from Nov. 27 to Dec. 5.

WFP (Wushu Federation of the Philippines) tournament di rector Edwin Pimentel made the assessment following the recent arrival of the sanshou (contact) team from a three-month training in Beijing and other key Chinese cities.

The Filipinos won six gold medals in Vietnam courtesy of Edward Folayang and Dolly Andres, one each in sanshou; and world champion Arvin Ting and Willy Wang, two each in taolu (form) in the 22nd SEA Games.

"But we have the capability to win more (medals) this time," said Pimentel after conferring with sanshou coach Yu Zhi Bo, who reported the impressive showing of world champion Rene Catalan, Folayang, Rexel Nganhayna, Rhea Rifani, Jennifer Lagilag and Mark Ediva in the team's Chinese training sponsored by San Mig Coffee, FG Foundation and Philippine Sports Commission.

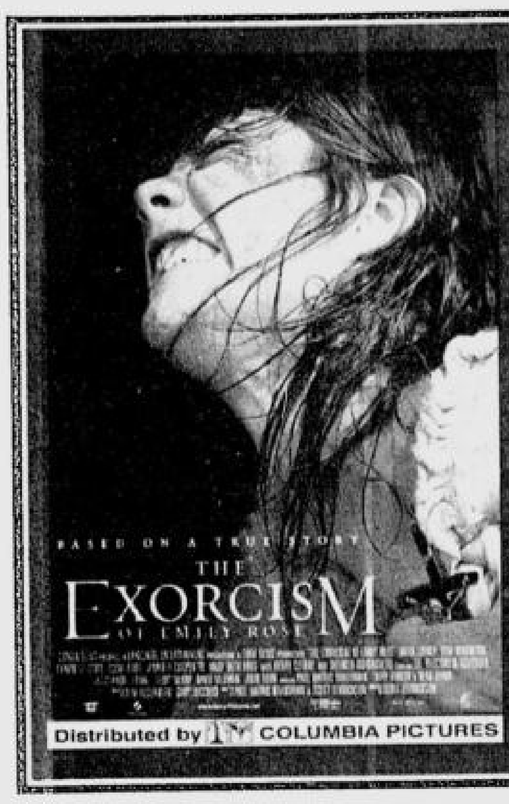
"Our fighters held their own against the Chinese, who used to beat us in previous years, during the training," said Yu, coach for the past 10 years who has elevated the team's fighting level to Chinese standards.

The talented taolu squad of Arvin Ting, Wang, Aida Yang, Vicky Ting, Kenneth Lim, Ronnel Andaliza,Andy Liu, Peter Quina, Janice Hung, Richard Ng, and Lester Pimentel is likewise in top form for the event set at the EAC gym on Nov. 28, 29 and 30.

Poker tilt listing on

THE 1ST CASH Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament will be held at the Casino-Filipino Tagaytay on Nov. 26 with prizes totaling P1.2 million.

Registration is open at any Casino Filipino branch. For inquiries, call the Pagcor Marketing Office at 851-7690 of the Casino Filipino Marketing Offices at (046) 413-1506 (CF-Tagaytay), 854-1605 or 853-9293 (Airport Casino Filipino), 524-1973 (CF-Pavilion), 526-5817 (CF-Silahis) or 852-3340 (CF-Heritage).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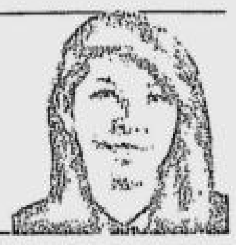

A CONCERT SCENE INSIDER TOLD me that his heart goes out to **Nyoy Volante**'s former band "Mannos." He lamented: "When acoustic was the in thing, Nyoy performed with Mannos and they clicked as a group. One day, the band members were told to take a rest. Before they knew it, Nyoy was going on his own gigs. To put it bluntly, *'Iniwan sila sa ere.'*"

Seems like Nyoy is being packaged with **Nina**, a la **Martin-Pops**. Mannos members have joined other bands and are trying to start all over again. Maybe Nyoy's coming gigs should be dubbed "Nyoy menos Mannos"?

Still from the "Musikero" grapevine … I'm saddened to hear that my cool friend **Paolo Santos** has split up with his longtime girlfriend, **Pyke**. I used to hang out with them at "Friends," when Paolo was starting out. He would gamely make us hear his compositions even just for free beer. Knowing Paolo, he won't sulk in a corner. Instead, he will turn this into another hit song.

More from my musician friends … Many insist that the **Chin Alcantara**, band leader of MYMP, is difficult to work with. As one vocalist laments, "What he says goes. As the leader, of course, he calls the shots, but sometimes he wants things done his way *na lang parati. Dapat* give and take *din*. He's a great artist but he must check his attitude once in awhile." MYMP stands for Make Your Momma Proud. Is Chin getting to be too proud?

Valera voices

ON A LIGHTER note, it was heartwarming to watch **Rey Valera** perform with his talented kids. They formed a band called "Saling Ket"—**Valor** on keyboards and guitar, **Clarisse** on strings and second keyboard, **Leigh** on bass, **Greta** on drums. One of my mom's fave songs was Rey's "Kung Kailangan Mo Ako." To this day, I get misty-eyed every time I hear that song. Valor sounds exactly like his dad. He says, "*Pinamana na ni* Daddy *ang boses niya sa akin.*" Check out their self-titled CD under Homegrown records Production.

Just asking

HEARD that a consultant of "Pinoy Big Brother" magazine had an editor of another mag of ABS-CBN publishing thrown out of the press con for **Sam**. What was the commotion about?

'Man of La Mancha'

THE BEST and the brightest in the performing arts come together to pay tribute to Philippine theater great **Zeneida "Bibot" Amador** in a production of the Broadway musical, "Man of La Mancha," which is being staged at REP's Globe theater at Onstage in Greenbelt 1 until Dec. 18. This is Repertory Philippines' last event for the year celebrating the 400th anniversary of the publication of **Miguel de Cervantes**' famous novel, "Don Quixote de la Mancha."

Baby Barredo, Rep's artistic director, and director and musical director for the musical, has carefully chosen the best vocal and acting talents for the lead roles and has done intensive work with each actor separately on the vocally and physically demanding roles of Don Quixote (**Michael Williams**, alternating with **Audie Gemora**), Aldonza (**Menchu Lauchengco-Yulo**), **Cocoy Laurel** (the Padre), and Sancho Panza (**Robbie Guevara**), Also cast in solo roles are **Cathy Azanza**, **Nic Manahan**, **Joy Virata**, and **Miguel Faustmann**. **Douglas Nierras**, founder and artistic director of Powerdance, returns to Rep after an eight year absence to serve as choreographer.

For inquiries, call 887-0710 or Ticketworld at 891-9999.

Celebrity spaghetti

MY KIDS fondly call me "Mommy Spaghetti" because that has always been the comfort food I cook for them when I'm in my "*ulirang ina*" mode. So when **Bianchi**, **IC** and I were invited to grace the opening of "First Italian Spaghetti Factory" in Megamall, we all pigged out. **IJ Moreno** and her PBA cager boyfriend, **Jimmy Alapag**, love the dish so much, they got a franchise of FISF and opened their branch in SM Manila. Also spotted at the opening were **Brent Javier** and **Assunta de Rossi**. Being half-Italian, Assunta surely knows her pasta. She swears that FISF's Carbonara is the best she's ever tasted. Kudos to the kind owners **Dieter Jaehn** (a German national) and his Pinay wife, **Evangeline**, for their fresh concept of casual dining and spreading the Italian way of savoring every meal like it's a feast every day.

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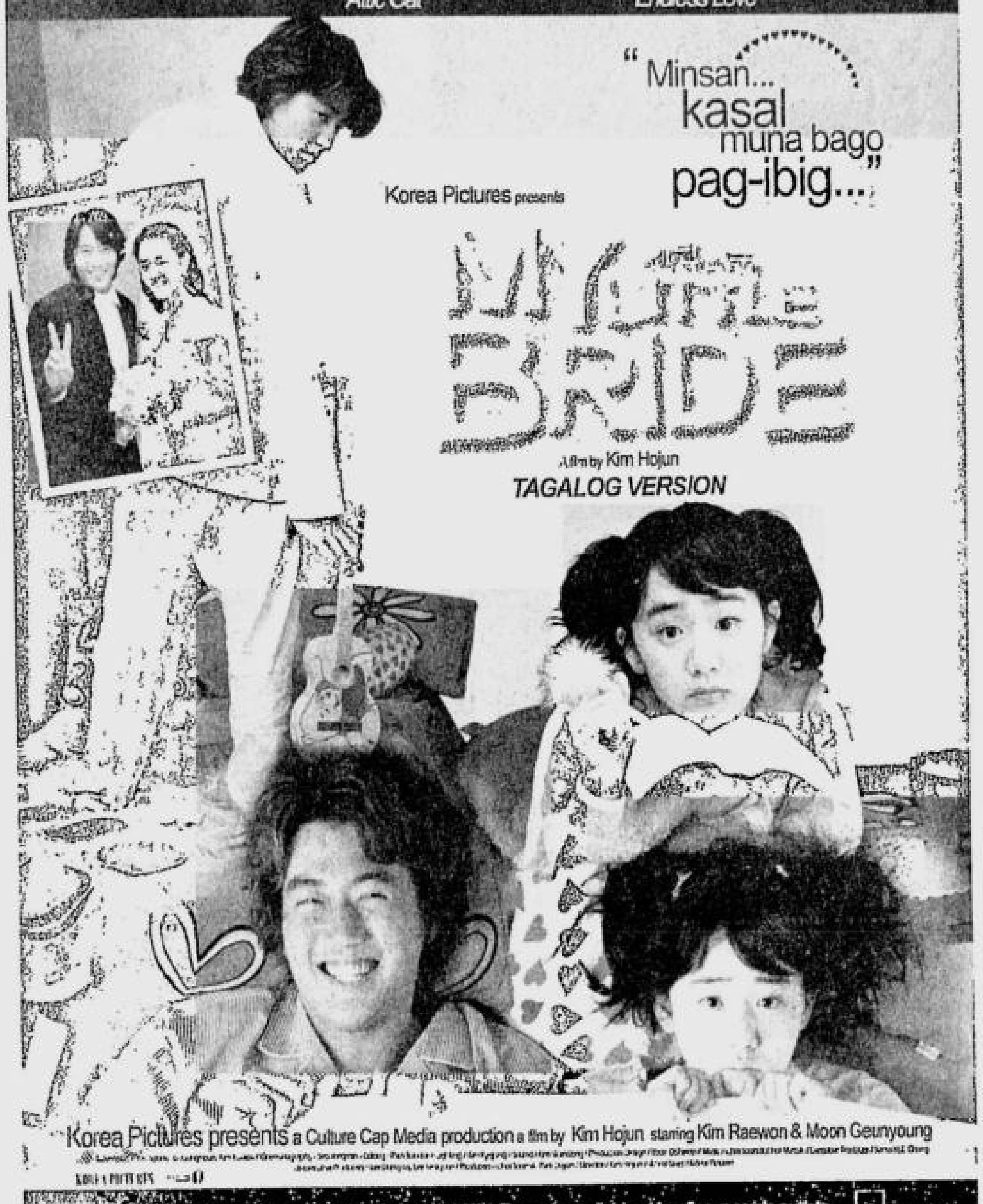

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REVIEW

THE DIGITAL MOVIE "ILUSYON" IS A VISUALLY rich tale about the delusions of an aspiring painter, Miguel (Yul Servo). Set in late 1950s Manila and co-directed by Paolo Villaluna and Ellen Ramos, the movie is also an examination of its protagonist's rather simplistic ambitions and world view. These are made apparent when he takes the identity of his vacationing art teacher father (Ronnie Lazaro) upon meeting a pretty nude model, Stella (Viva Hot Babes' Jaycee Parker).

The themes of love, lust and deception are quietly but creatively explored, as Miguel pretends that he's an established artist—to keep his model in the buff for several sessions. He couldn't draw if his life depended on it, but he manages to fool the shapely Stella long enough to pay someone else to do the drawing for him. This is actually a credible situation; there are impoverished, or lazy, art students who survive that way.

What's also credible is Miguel's shallowness, which is ironically brought to the fore when Stella, now his lover, develops an unnamed ailment that dots her once-flawless body. They break up with very few words delivered, in a crucial and powerful scene: Miguel, orange pastel in hand, ruins the fake drawing in front of his confused lover. Servo and Parker are both intense and natural; they do well here, except in one scene that shows them arguing in Stella's house. That one's a little iffy, because of the dialogue, but nicely shot.

Still, while Villaluna and Jon Red's script feels a little decompressed, it's rife with wit, emotion, even premonition. A talking cow criticizes Miguel in his dreams, like a manifestation of hidden guilt. As far as the love angle is concerned, there is no rewarding payoff, but it does develop the lead character into someone who tries to rectify his mistakes, and becomes at least a little sympathetic for it.

To employ an atmosphere that's effectively a world of its own, "Ilusyon" cleverly utilizes a moving soundtrack, a few special effects (super-imposed live figures with animation), time-displaced props and costumes (the accuracy of which may be questioned by experts familiar with the era), and excellent photography (natural light streaming from windows). Its other actors create depth and familiarity as well: Bella Flores adds charming quirks as a concerned landlady, and brief appearances by Boots Anson-Roa, Bituin Escalante, Jao Mapa, and Tetchie Agbayani are, for lack of a better word, cute.

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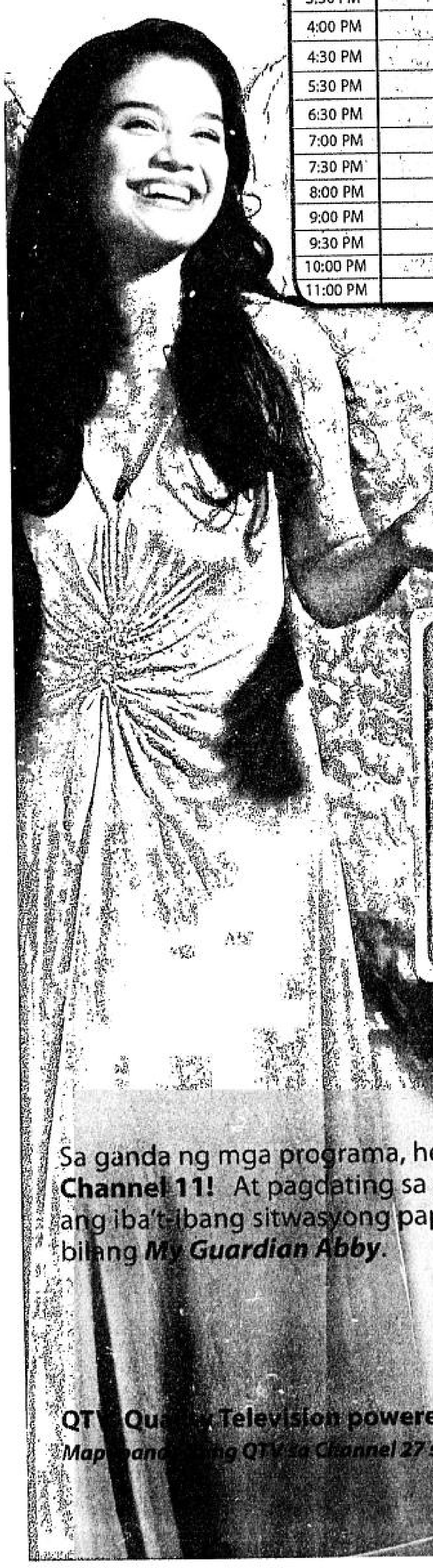

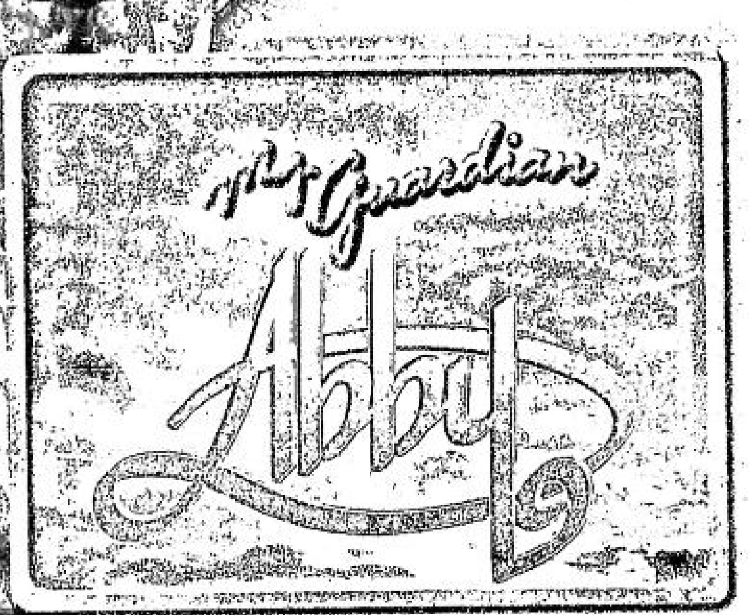

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Constantine, 'Idol' of Pinoys, has one wish

By Marinel R. Cruz

"I DIDN'T JOIN 'AI' THINKING I would make many friends. I was very business-like. I went [to the audition as I would go to a] job interview. I was jobless. I didn't have my own place. [But] I ended up making incredible new friends that I'll have forever."

"American Idol" 2005 finalist Constantine Maroulis thus described his stint as a participant—and, eventually, one of the most popular finalists— in the phenomenal talent search.

> 'It would be nice to share all these with someone'

Amazing

Clad in a tight-fitting black shirt, tattered blue jeans and a pair of pointy black boots, Constantine met with the entertainment press at Tavern on the Square restaurant yesterday in Makati City, only 12 hours after he arrived from Los Angeles, California.

The press con was to formally announce the series of shows, titled "Constantine Maroulis Live at Ayala Malls," that Ayala Land Corporation produced for the charismatic rocker.

Of his experience on the Fox show, he said: "It was an amazing experience from Day 1. I'm friends with all the Idols, from 1 to 24 [finalists]. Of course, Bo Bice (who finished second) and I bonded well because we were the same age and of similar background. [But] the whole group was like family; we toured together all summer."

Before joining "Idol," Constantine was the front man of the New York rock band called Pray for the Soul of Betty. Although Carrie Underwood was named this year's "American Idol," Constantine could well be the most popular in the batch outside of the top two.

Constantine's band mates were shown in an earlier "AI 2005" video as reacting in different ways upon being told of their leader's decision. The drummer, clearly upset, flung his sticks away and walked out of the room.

"We have patched things up," Constantine said. "They are very happy for me. I plan on doing more shows and records with them. Right now, were in a hiatus, just exploring options. I missed them very much."

He added: "I hope to just stay in the business longer, make my own record, and get to tour it. I also hope that our TV show works out well."

Network giant ABC and Grammnet Productions teamed up to produce a sitcom that's "loosely based on my life," according to Constantine. He and brother, Athan, will write the show.

With everything that Constantine is busy with, is there anything else he wishes to achieve?

"It would be nice to share all these great stuff with someone," said the 30-year-old hottie. "Right now, I don't have the time. But in a few years ... I hope I don't come across as a playboy. I was raised in a good home with good values. I respect women a great deal."

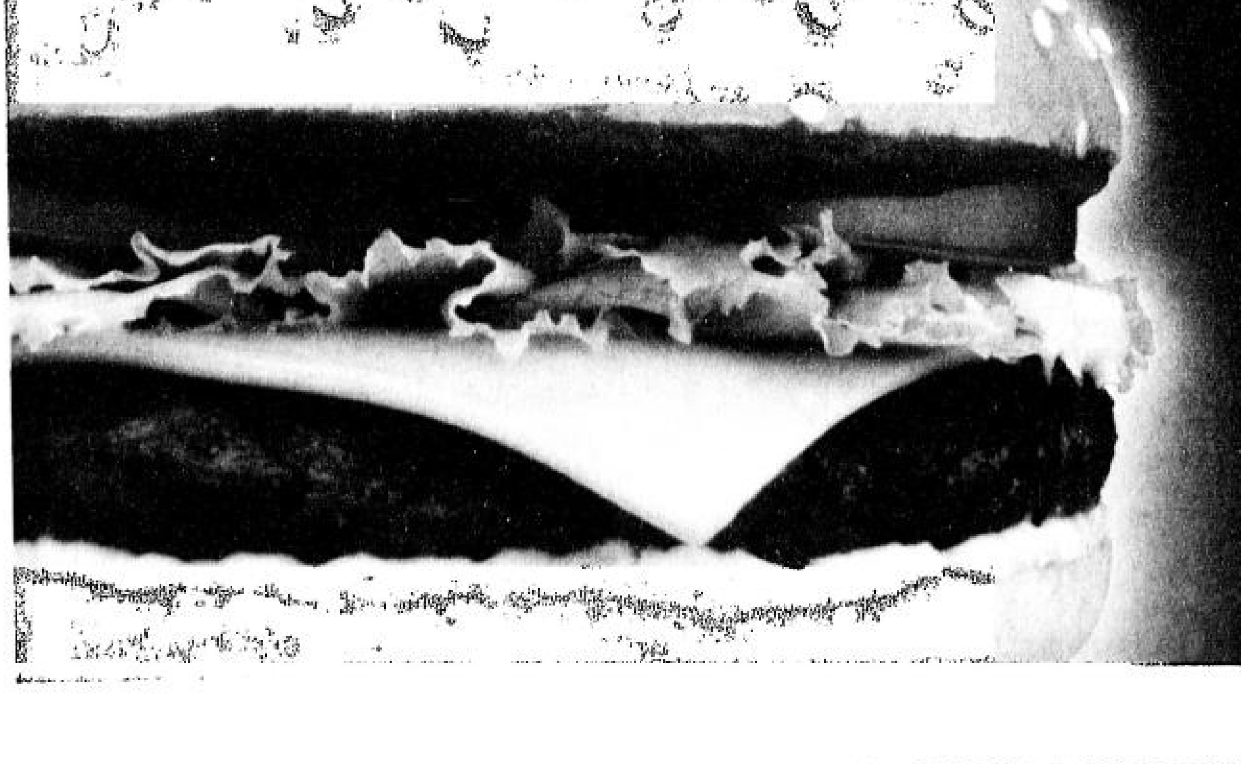
The first in the Ayala Malls series is on Thursday, 8 p.m., at the Greenbelt 3 Park in Makati City.

Constantine then performs at the Activity Center of the Alabang Town Center on Friday, 7 p.m. He flies south on Saturday for a show at the Cebu's Ayala Center.

Pinoy band

For the concert series, South Border's Jay Durias put together a group of musicians, with himself as musical director and keyboardist.

The New York-based rocker will sing some of his winning songs from "American Idol," including "Bohemian Rhapsody."



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By Marinel R. Cruz

THE PHILIPPINE MOVIE PRESS CLUB (PMPC) is negotiating for the airing of the 19th Star Awards for Television on IBC 13, INQUIRER Entertainment learned.

Unlike its rival group, the Entertainment Press Society or Enpress, which decided not to televise its annual awards ceremony, the PMPC is currently meeting with a Channel 13 block-timer interested in airing the proceedings, according to PMPC president Joe Barrameda.

"Right now, we're 90 percent sure," Barrameda said in a phone interview on Saturday. "We will announce the date and venue of the awards rites soon."

The Enpress is not airing its second Golden Screen Awards for Entertainment TV to avoid talk that the group is "biased," according to Enpress overall chair Jun Nardo. Last year, Enpress was criticized for handing out most of the awards to GMA 7, which televised the proceedings.

Here is the list of some of the nominees for the 19th Star Awards for TV:

Best News Program: "Express Balita ," "Insider," "Saksi," "Sentro," "TV Patrol" and "24 Oras;" **Best Female Newscaster:** Ces Drilon, Karen Davila, Mel Tiangco, Precious Hipolito-Castelo and Vicky Morales; **Best Male Newscaster:** Julius Babao, Arnold Clavio, Henry Omaga Diaz, Mike Enriquez and Ted Failon;

Best Documentary Program: "I-Witness," "The Correspondents" and "The Probe Team Documentaries;" **Best Documentary Program Host:** Kara David, Vicky Morales, et al.; Karen Davila, Abner Mercado et al.; Cheche Lazaro and company;

Best Morning Show: "Breakfast," "Magandang Umaga, Pilipinas" and "Unang Hirit;" **Best Morning Show Host:** Bam Aquino, Mariton Pacheco, et al.; Tintin Bersola, Julius Babao, et al.; Arnold Clavio, Lyn Ching, et al.; **Best Public Service Program:** "At Your Service," "Bitag," "Emergency," "Imbestigador," Kapwa Ko Mahal Ko," "Private-I" and "Wish Ko Lang;"

Best Celebrity Talk Show: "Homeboy," "Mel & Joey," "Sis" and "Y Speak;" **Best Showbiz-Oriented Talk Show:** "ETK," "Showbiz Number 1," "StarTalk," "S-Files" and "The Buzz;" **Best Male Showbiz-Oriented Talk Show Host:** Boy Abunda, Paolo Bediones, Ogie Diaz, Butch Francisco, Richard Gomez and Joey Marquez; **Best Female Showbiz-Oriented Talk Show Host:** Kris Aquino, Cristy Fermin, Toni Gonzaga, Pia Guanio and Lolit Solis;

Best Gag Show: "Bubble Gang," "Going Bulilit!," "Nuts Entertainment," "Quizon Ave.," "The Misadventures of Maverick & Ariel" and "Wow Mali!"

Best Comedy Show: "Ang Tanging Ina," "Bahay Mo ba 'To?" "Bora," "Daddy Di Do Du," "Idol Ko Si Kap," "Lagot Ka Isusumbong Kita" and "OK Fine Whatever;" **Best Comedy Actress:** Ai Ai delas Alas, Eugene Domingo, Toni Gonzaga, Rufa Mae Quinto, Pokwang, Sherilyn Reyes and Tessie Tomas; **Best Comedy Actor:** Ogie Alcasid, Chokoleit, Keempee de Leon, Luis Manzano, Vhong Navarro, Vic Sotto, Michael V;

Best Drama Actress: Bea Alonzo, Kris Aquino, Claudine Barretto, Angel Locsin, Ara Mina, Judy Ann Santos, Regine Velasquez and Heart Evangelista; **Best Drama Actor:** John Lloyd Cruz, John Estrada, Richard Gutierrez, Christopher de Leon, Diether Ocampo, Ariel Rivera and Jericho Rosales;

Best Primetime Drama Series: "Darna," "Forever In My Heart," "Hiram," "Krystala," "Mulawin," and "Spirits;" **Best Reality Competition Program:** "Extra Challenge" and "Kaya Mo Ba 'To?" **Best Reality Competition Program Host:** Carlos Agassi; Paolo Bediones and Ethel Booba;

Best Variety Show: "Chowtime Na!" "Eat... Bulaga!" "MTB: Ang Saya Saya!" and "Wowowee;" **Best Musical Variety Show:** "ASAP Fanatic," "ASAP Mania," "Master Showman Presents," "SOP Gigsters" and "SOP Rules! "

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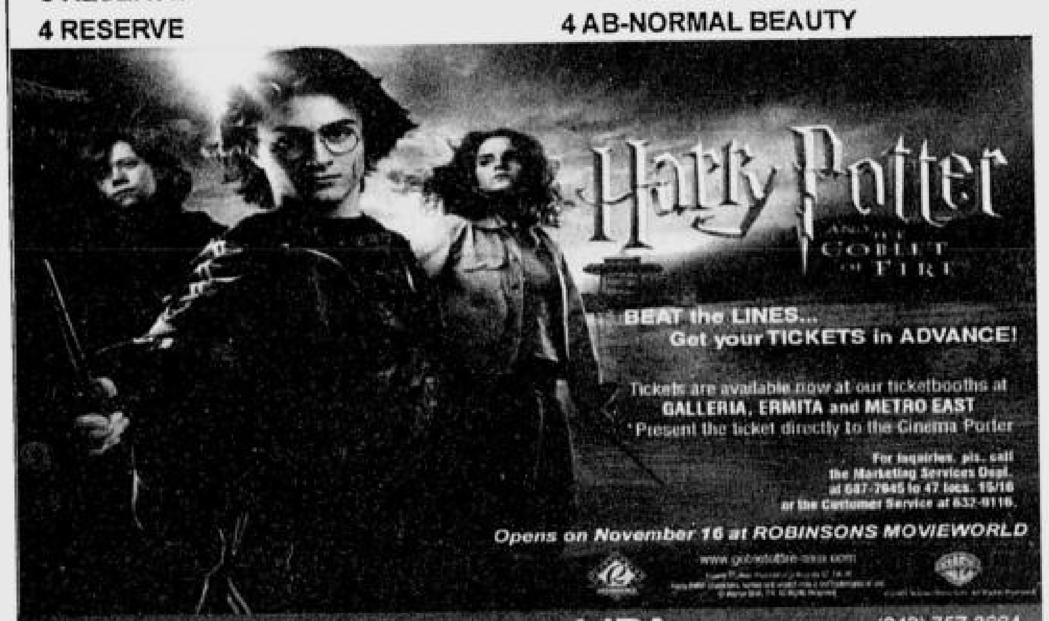
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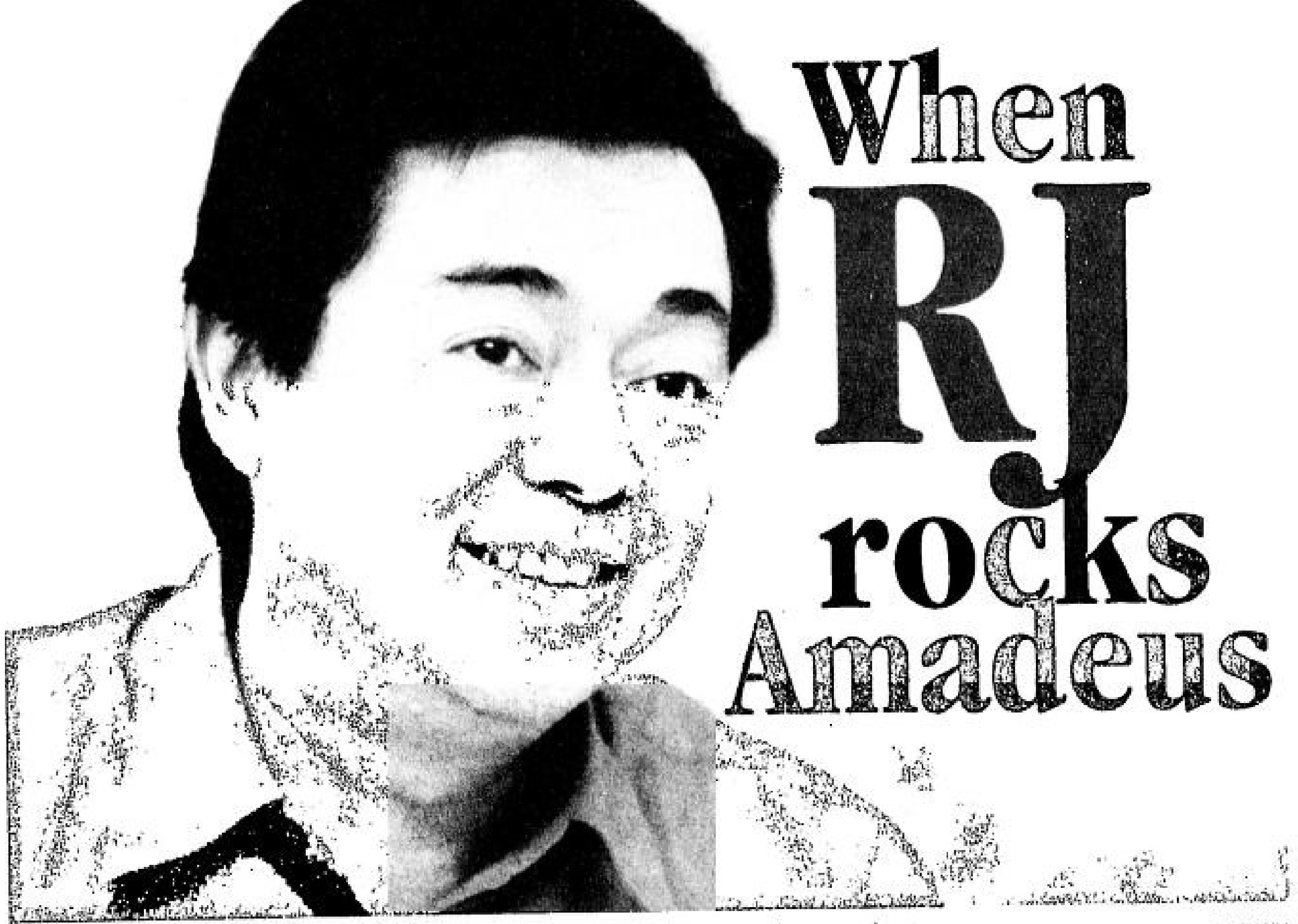

WHERE there's Ramon Jacinto, there's rock 'n' roll ... even with a symphony orchestra. RYAN LIM

INQUIRER EXCLUSIVE

ROCK 'N' ROLL ICON RAMON JACinto stars in "RJ's Symphonic Rock" with the Manila Symphony Orchestra on Nov. 24 at the Insular Life Theater, Filinvest Alabang, Muntinlupa.

The president and CEO of Rajah Broadcasting (FM radio, TV and Internet), RJ hosts his own radio show Sundays, in which he plays ... rock 'n' roll, what else, and engages avid listeners in a free-wheeling exchange.

He dropped by last week for a chat with INQUIRER Entertainment.

What are the highlights of this concert?

I'll be doing Eric Clapton's "Sunshine of Your Love" and The Ventures' "Pipeline" with the orchestra and my band, RJ and Friends. I'll also play the "William Tell Overture," some Trini Lopez hits and some of my own compositions, like "Muli" and "Sugat ng Puso."

Why a symphony orchestra? This is a first, right?

Yes, that's why I'm excited. I consider this show a highlight in my career, dream come true.

Will there be dancing?

Normally, the audience dances in all my shows. Even at the Araneta, they danced right in front of the stage. Maybe in this show, they'll dance in the aisles.

Aside from rock, you also like classical music?

When I'm having dinner or when I'm melancholy, I play classical music.

What about Frank Sinatra?

Oh, yes. To me, good music is good music is good music regardless of the era or genre. If it's good music, it'll last.

Who among the younger musicians do you think will last in the biz?

I think, Nyoy Volante. He's got the talent and the passion to succeed. Apart from him, I think anyone who sings and plays from the heart will last.

What's the strangest fan mail or request you've ever received during your live shows?

Once, while singing in Bistro RJ, I got this note that said, "I want to have your child." Ha-ha-ha! Another note said, "Thank you for being with me last night!"

How about on your radio/TV show?

People always ask me to sing on the spot. So I always have my guitar nearby.

Tell us about that time when you got a "tip" from a fan.

I have a gig at the Serendipity Lounge of the Discovery Suites every Wednesday and at the RJ Guitar Bar every Friday. One afternoon at the Serendipity, I was setting up, doing sound-check, practicing ... I noticed this Filipino-Chinese man drinking beer in a corner. When I was done, the waiter handed me $100 and a note from the man. It said: "It was a pleasure watching a perfectionist!"

What did you do with the $100?

It's still in my closet. I'm going to have it framed. It reminds me just how gratifying music can be. If you're a musician, everyone is your friend. Not like in politics, where you make so many enemies.

You have never let up, unlike your peers. Who were your contemporaries?

Remember, there were Jose Mari Gonzales and the Electromaniacs. And Tito Sotto and the Tilt-Down Men—they were the Dave Clark Five of the Philippines.

And RJ and the Riots were known as what?

We were identified with the music of The Ventures, which was also an instrumental band. Also, The Shadows. We pioneered and popularized electric guitar music in the country.

RJ the radio station was part of Edsa 1, right?

After Veritas was closed down in 1986, Juan Ponce Enrile talked to Father [James] Reuter and asked if he could use RJ to speak to the people. RJ became Radyo Bandido. The St. Paul nuns guarded our studio while June Keithley went on air to call on the people to gather. That's how a small rock 'n' roll station made a big difference. It was instrumental [in toppling a dictator].

Well, rock has always had a somewhat subversive nature?

Rock will always be a bit underground, yes.

Is going classical a sign that you're mellowing?

When you grow older, you become more introspective. You savor things more. Like wine ...

You've lived quite a full life thus far. Is there anything else you wish to achieve?

I helped discover new talents before. For example, no producer wanted to sign up Andrew E. So I produced his "Humanap Ka ng Panget" and Viva released it. I also produced the record of Father and Sons. Remember them" (Sings) "O, giliw ko ... miss na miss Kita?"

My wish is to keep on playing and discovering new talents.

Like Santana, I also want to make an album of collaborations with younger artists—maybe Kitchie Nadal, Barbie Almalbis, Nyoy.

In the past, I put together concerts with Noel Cabangon, Barbie, Nyoy, Side A, Nina, Christian Bautista. It's great. I get fresh input from them.

What do the young artists call you? Godfather?

Señor. Hahaha!

How do you find the time and drive to keep helping local musicians?

Filipinos are so talented. Musicians are our greatest export, our biggest dollar earners. A Chinese friend who owns a record company in Hong Kong once told me and I agree: If Filipino musicians abroad decided not to play for just one night, entertainment in the whole world would stop.

Richard presents Annie

TAKE FIVE

THAT'S RICHARD MERK, AND THAT'S ANnie Brazil, his mom.

As far as he's concerned, she's the Philippines' "Queen of Jazz."

Truth to tell, those who know their jazz would most probably agree.

Annie has been singing her preferred type of music in her chosen style for the longest time—something like forever.

She's 72, she said during a press con that Richard called Thursday last week to announce her one-night-only show at Merk's tomorrow, 10 p.m. Then, accompanied by the inimitable Romy Posadas on keyboards, she proceeded to sing a few old favorites for the handful of die-hard fans from the media. Did she say 72? they wondered.

Impossible.

To miss this precious little show is to miss out big time.

You're based in New York now? Do you sing regularly?

I'm based in New Jersey, where I live with my daughter Rachel Ann and her family. But I sing three nights a week in a restaurant-bar in Greenwich Village called Cucina Stagionale.

Three nights a week!

Friday to Sunday, three sets a night, with a three-piece band—piano, bass, drums.

Richard also just released your first-ever CD. Are you going to sing all these songs during your show?

Plus others that the audience may ask for.

Who are your biggest musical influences?

Sarah Vaughn, Ella Fitzgerald. I've been told I sound like Billie Holiday. Even Richard says so, but I'm not sure.

Do you still start gigs with your old signature opener—"Tenderly"?

Nowadays I open with (Gershwin's) "'S Wonderful" (sings ... "Swonderful...smarvelous...that you should care for me...")

Will you ever stop singing?

Can you live and not breathe?

How's your love life?

Ha-ha-ha! I love life!

"THAT'S my mom." Merk's big boss takes the back seat for his "Queen of Jazz." RYAN LIM

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Jolina Magdangal, Zsa Zsa Padilla, Vina Morales and Regine Velasquez; **Best Male TV Host:** Ogie Alcasid, Luis Manzano, German Moreno, Martin Nievera, Vic Sotto, Gary Valenciano and Willie Revillame;

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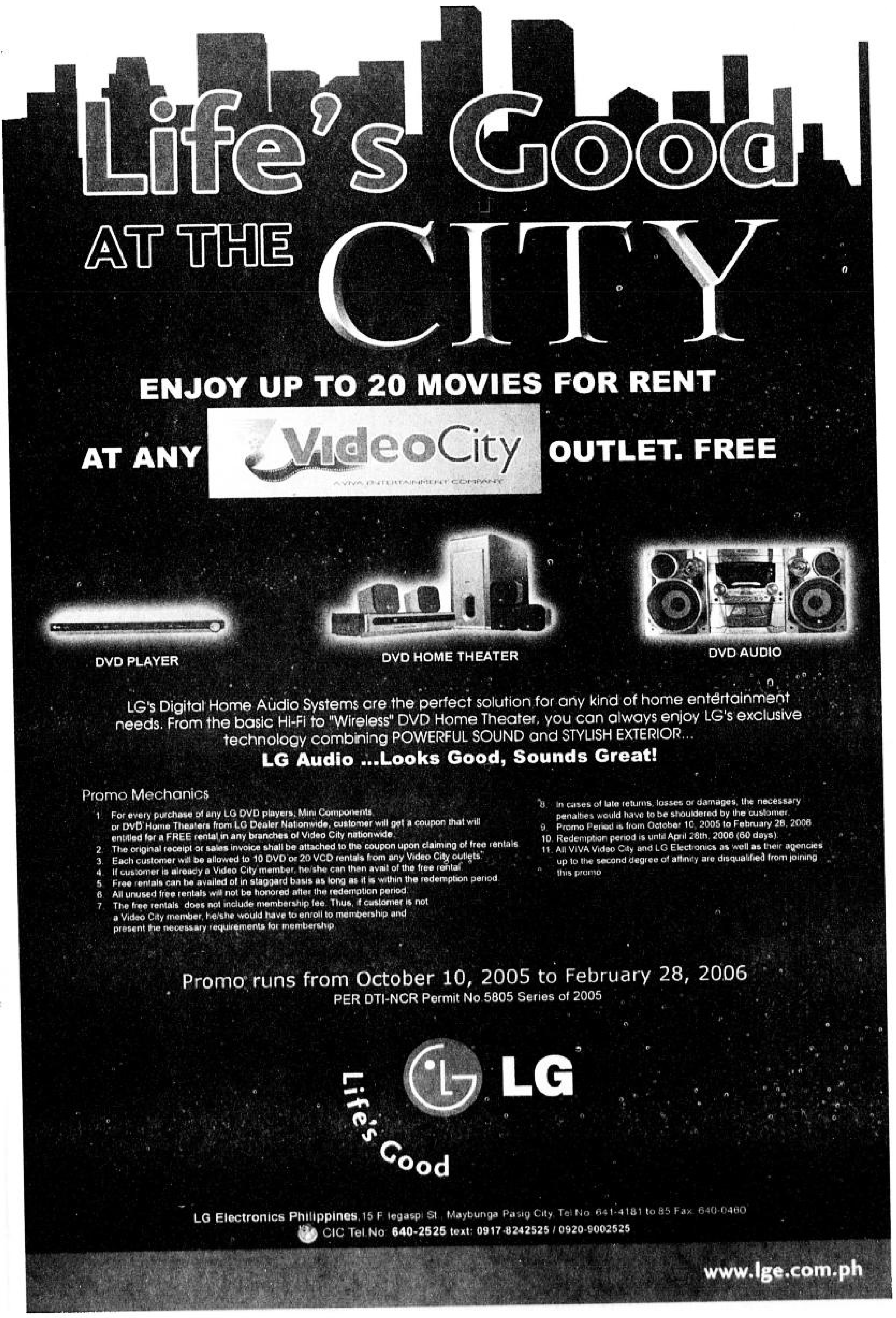
Is Enpress credible?

FEEDBACK

This is regarding the Enpress Awards for Television. As I remember, last year, GMA 7 won almost all the awards. This year the same network has done it again. I think there is a strong bias here. Even if there is no TV coverage, even if the rites are not going to be televised, it still looks like most of the people from Enpress are pro-GMA 7. I may be wrong ... no, I'm pretty sure. GMA 7 will naturally be rejoicing again for being Number 1 in this race, even if it it is actually the Number 1 station only in Mega Manila. I hope you can bring this up. I'm very concerned because we are living in a world full of lies and pretension.

From Mitch, Baybay Caltex Station (via e-mail)



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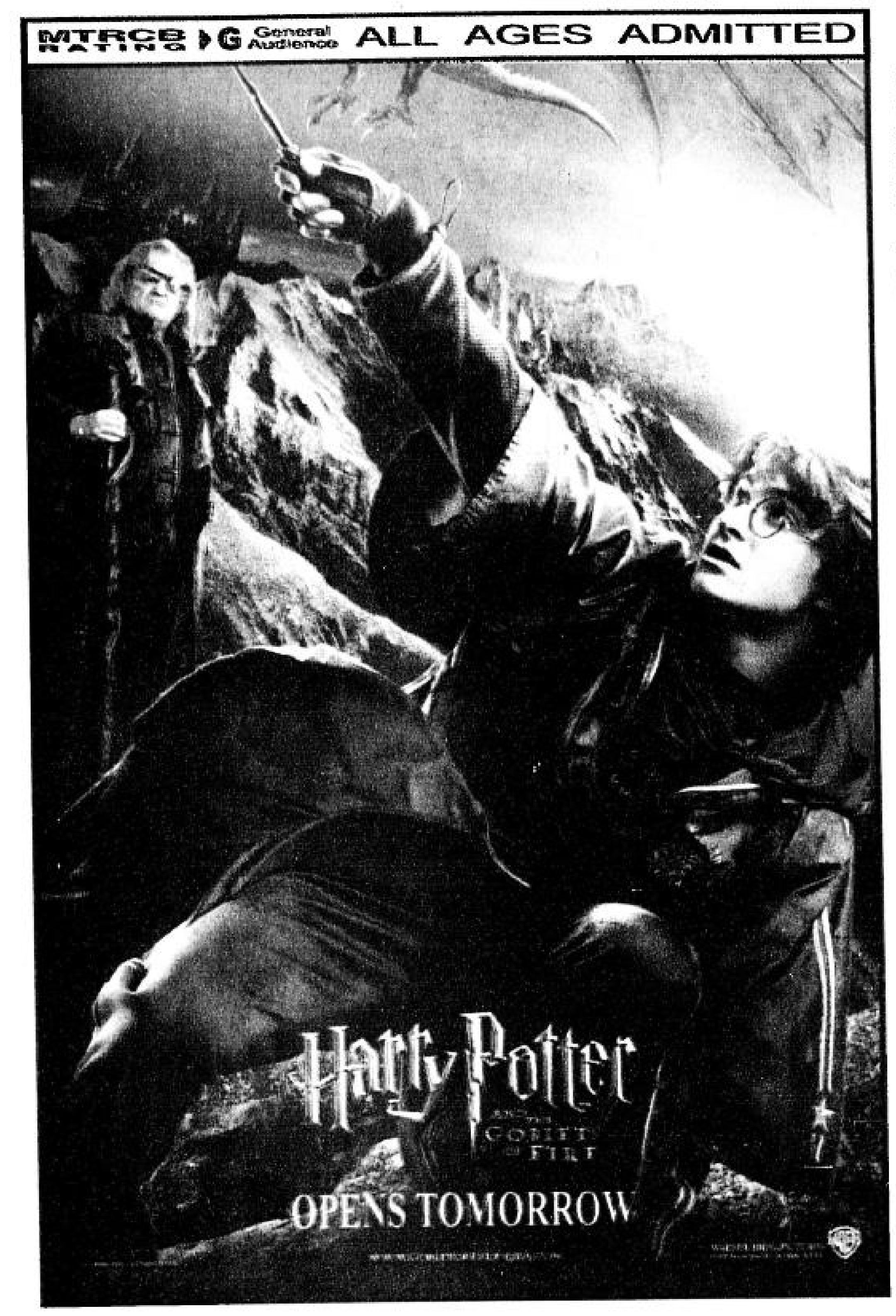
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Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire
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Harry Potter experiences teenage angst

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE LONG-running Harry Potter film franchise, our young hero experiences the glow and heartbreak of love in the series' latest cinematic chapter, "The Goblet of Fire."

Harry's a precociously gifted wizard, but no magic can salve the painful awkwardness and hormonal imbalances of teenage angst!

However, instead of getting a crush on Hermoine, as some of the series' fans expected, Harry gets all gooey over another Hogwarts student Cho Chang.

For her part, Hermoine gets herself a boyfriend in superstar Quidditch player Viktor Krum—which shocks Ron, who has only just realized that he's fallen for Hermoine!

Harry doesn't fare any better because it's soon revealed that, although he's asked Cho to be his date at Hogwarts' big Yule Ball dance, she's already given her assent to another lad named Cedric Diggory.

And our three young leads are by no means alone in awkwardly having to contend with their surging feelings for the members of the opposite sex.

Scores of other Hogwarts students are transfixed when the lovely Beauxbatous girls and the gloriously masculine young men of Durmstrong sweep into their schools' halls.

When the Beauxbatous girls arrive, the Hogwarts boys are in state of shock. As producer David Heyman puckishly describes the scene, "The lovely young ladies femininity and render the boys speechless!"

Aside from having to contend with these unfamiliar feelings, our young heroes must deal with even more daunting challenges, which force them to grow up even faster than usual.

Not only does Harry have to face up to the return of his immortal enemy, but he has to handle a meddling reporter and a backlash from his peers—*and* face death in a Triwizard Tournament!

This last test triggers a change in the dynamics between erstwhile best friends Harry and Ron. For the first time, they find themselves at odds, because Ron thinks Harry put his name into the Goblet, hoping to be selected for the competition.

Ron gets really angry and won't speak to his best buddy. He's tired of Harry always being the center of attention!

This is the last thing Harry needs, because he's already trying to cope with criticism from everyone who believes he engineered his entry into the all-important competition. But he also fears that he knows the real reason he was chosen, and it all proves too much for him.

So many tough challenges for a teenager to contend with! That's why we believe that "Goblet of Fire" will be among the most empathetic chapters of the ongoing Harry Potter saga for its young viewers, who have been growing up along with their screen heroes.

Exhibitions

In celebration of Don Quijote Month at the University, Instituto Cervantes and UP Vargas Museum are mounting an exhibition of 126 original illustrations of the novel by Spanish and Latin American artists, and another exhibit of 40 posters of cinematographic versions of "Don Quijote."

Mall tour

The Company is going on a mall tour to promote its 20th anniversary album, "The Company—The Anthology." Schedule: Nov. 19 at SM Valenzuela, Nov. 20 at SM Megamall, and Nov. 28 at SM Bicutan. The group will be joined by its new member, Jay Marquez.

6cyclemind

The 6cyclemind band's second album, "Panorama," has 13 cuts, with themes ranging from love, frienship and heartbreak. It features collaborations with Wendell Garcia, Ebe Dancel, Buddy Zabala and Francis Magalona, and includes the hit carrier single, "Sandalan." The album will be launched tomorrow at the Mugen Bar and Restaurant.

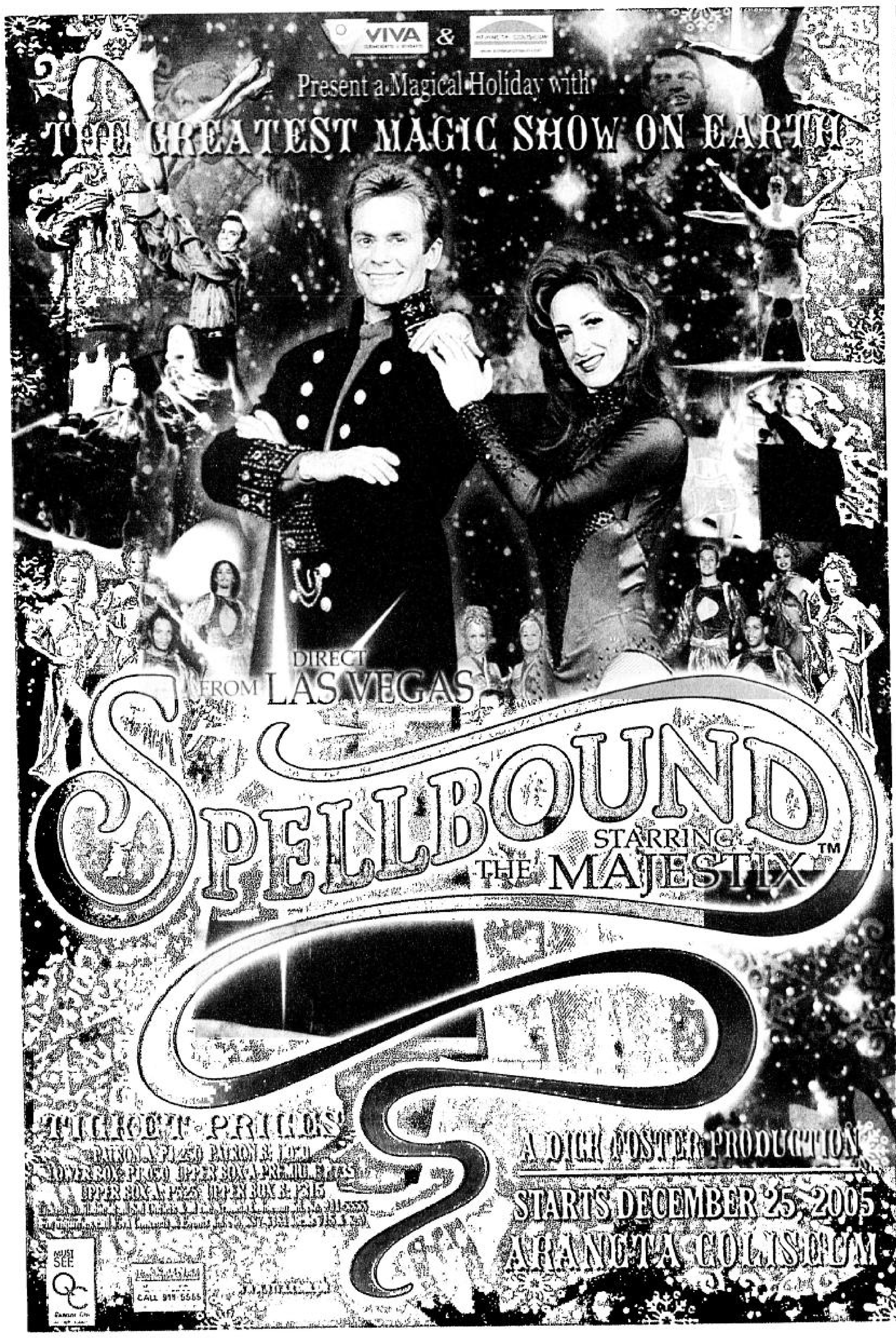
On Hallmark Channel

"Midsomer Murders," one of Hallmark's top-rated programs, is based on the novels of Caroline Graham. Filmed on location in Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, the Chilterns and the Home Counties, the show regularly attracts 10 million viewers. Premiering every Sunday at 9 p.m., their Hallmark Special will present two more episodes, airing on Nov. 20 and 27.

Kim Flores

IVORY Music is releasing young singer Kim Flores' first album, "Something at First Sight." The compilation's 12 songs are mostly composed by Edith Gallardo and arranged by Nino Regalado.

On the concert front, Kim is a guest in Regine Velasquez's "Reflections" performance series at Aliw Theater, and in Erick Santos' "Paskong Pasasalamat" at Marikina Riverbanks on Dec. 3. Call 435-3808.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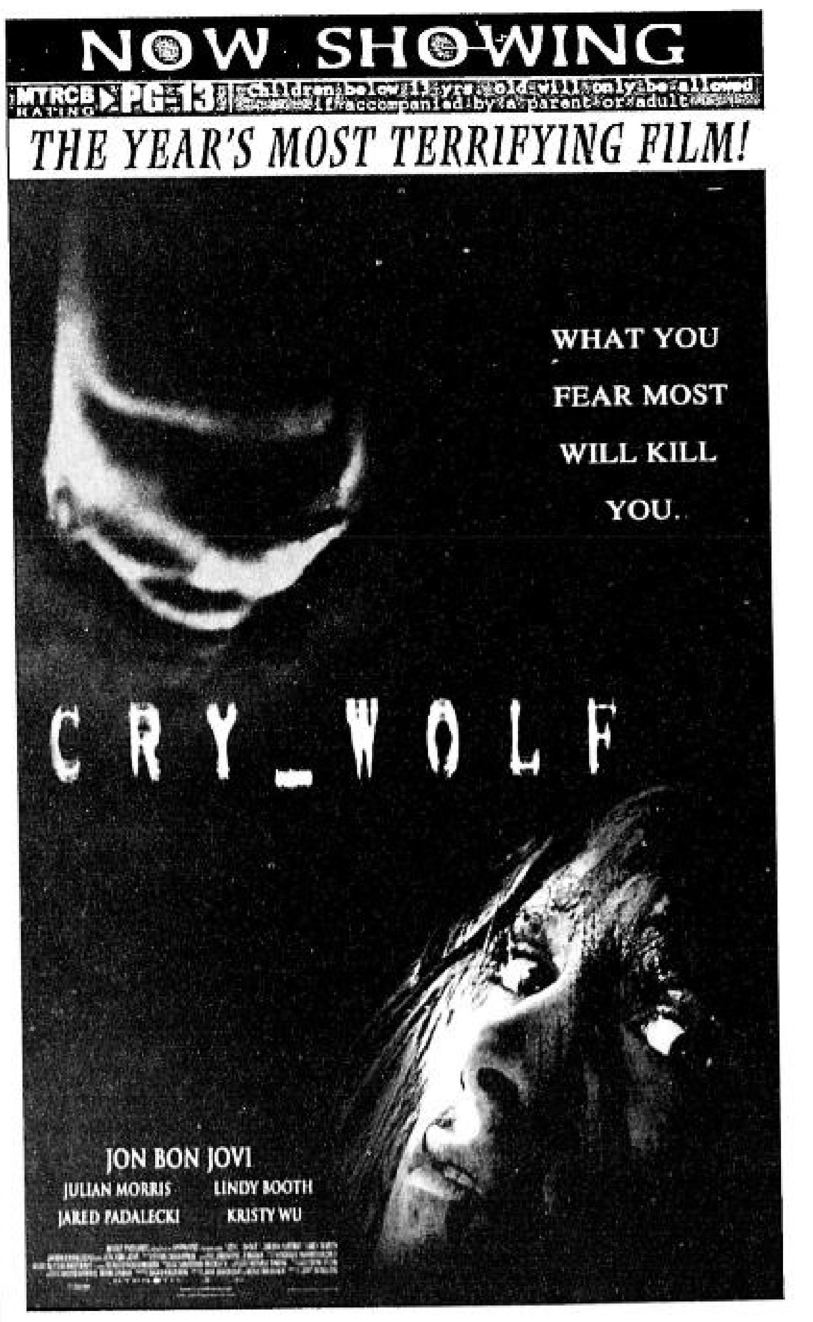
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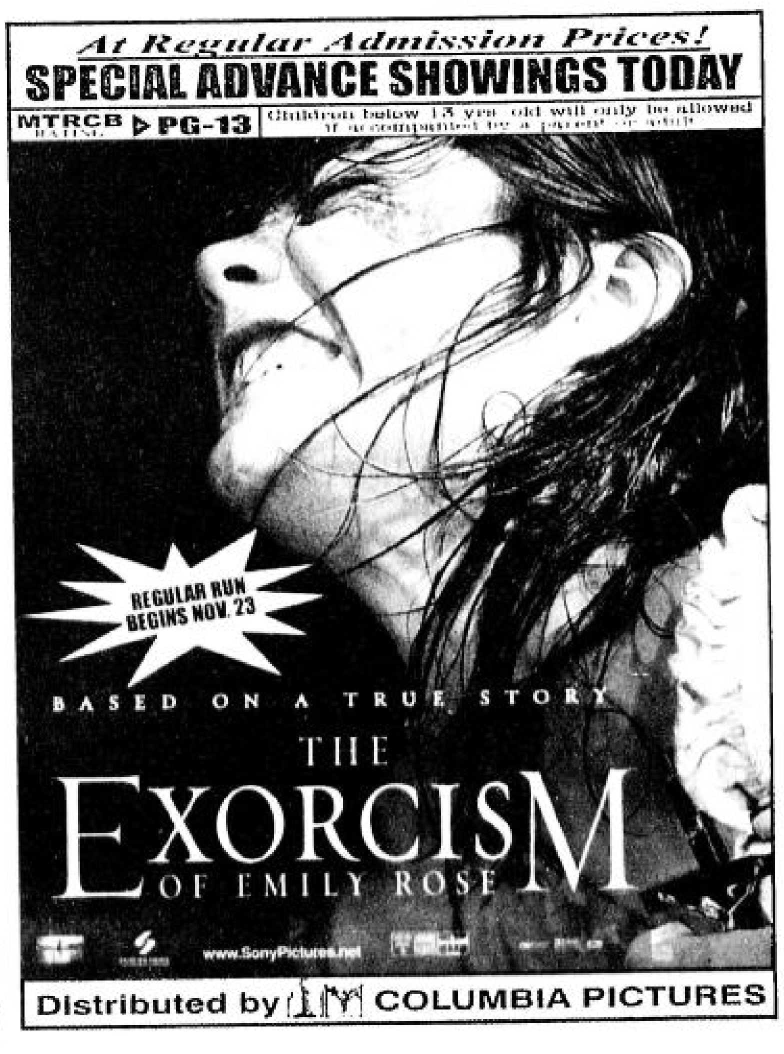
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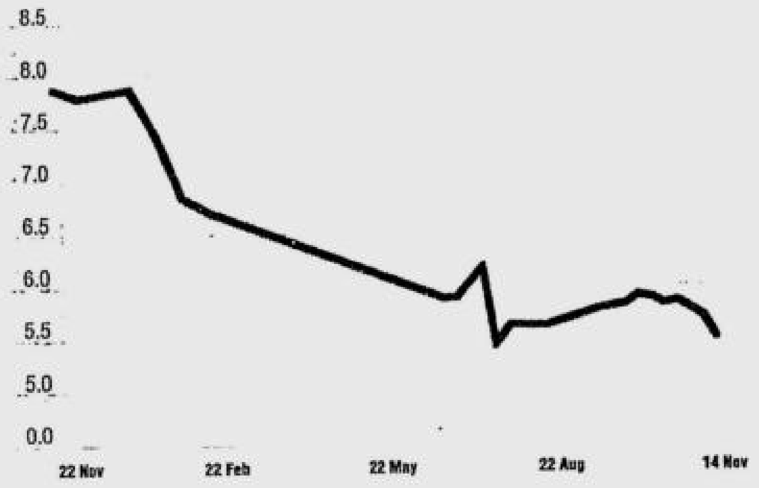

Yield of 91-day debt paper slides further to 5.49%

By Michelle V. Remo

TREASURY BILL RATES CONTINUED TO DECLINE ACROSS ALL maturities yesterday on growing expectations of an improving fiscal sector.

The bellwether 91-day treasury bill rate slid further to 5.49 percent, or 20.8 basis points lower than last week's 5.698 percent. Bids for the three-month government securities reached P4.31 billion, or much higher than the P1-billion offering of the government.

"The driving force is the government's fiscal position. The general expectation is that the government does not need more cash," National Treasurer Omar Cruz said in briefing after the auctions.

He explained that revenues to be generated from the newly implemented VAT Reform Law would further boost the government's chances of hitting a budget deficit that would be lower than the ceiling of P180 billion set for the year. Even prior to the law's implementation last Nov. 1, the government had already been exceeding its monthly revenue targets.

Should the government's cash flow further improve in November, Cruz said, the Bureau of Treasury might decide to cancel the auctions of treasury bills and bonds scheduled for December.

Aware of this possibility, Cruz said, banks were now trying to increase their holdings of government securities where they could park excess liquidity.

"It (decline in T-bill rates) reflects a demand-supply situation," he said.

The 182-day bills fetched 7.711 percent, or 11.4 basis points lower than the 7.825 percent recorded the previous week. The six-month government securities attracted the most number of bids at P9.88 billion. The government only offered P1.5 billion worth of 182-day bills.

The rate for the 364-day bill, which was also highly over-subscribed, dropped by 10.2

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GSIS has eyes set on CTPL monopoly

By Daxim L. Lucas

(Conclusion)

SPECIAL REPORT

THE P2.4-BILLION-A-YEAR INsurance business for third-party auto accident liability is a mess—and the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) believes it has the cure for the industry's woes.

Critics of the CTPL (comprehensive third party liability) business point to the numerous scams and fake policies that proliferate right on the doorstep of the Land Transportation Office (LTO), robbing unsuspecting vehicle owners of up to P1.12 billion worth of unbooked premium payments each year.

More alarmingly, clients duped into buying fake policies often find themselves exposed to additional monetary liability once they get into accidents that injure so-called "third parties" like pedestrians.

Because it is often difficult and inconvenient to verify the validity of CTPL policies upon purchase—policyholders really only find out once they get into accidents—GSIS president and general manager Winston F. Garcia proposes a simple and straightforward solution: Vehicle owners should stop doing business with private insurers.

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Virgin coco oil exports surge

By Ronnel W. Domingo

VIRGIN COCONUT OIL EXPORTS ARE CONtinually swelling as demand has shot up following manufacturers' adoption of production standards, according to an industry group.

The United Coconut Associations of the Philippines said that in the first half of 2005 alone, 340 metric tons of VCNO were shipped to foreign markets. The figure was 92 percent higher than the 177 MT exported for the whole of 2004. Forecast for 2005 show that at least 500 MT will be sold to markets abroad.

The United States took in 331 MT or about 97 percent of the export market. In 2004, the US imported about 170 MT or 96 percent of total shipments last year.

Other markets bought limited quantities, including Singapore, Ireland, South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Australia, Malaysia, Hong Kong and Germany.

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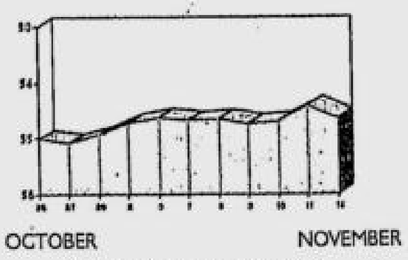

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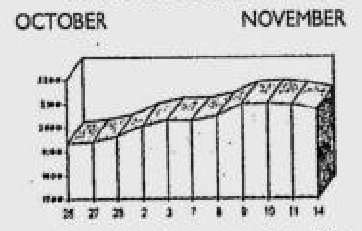

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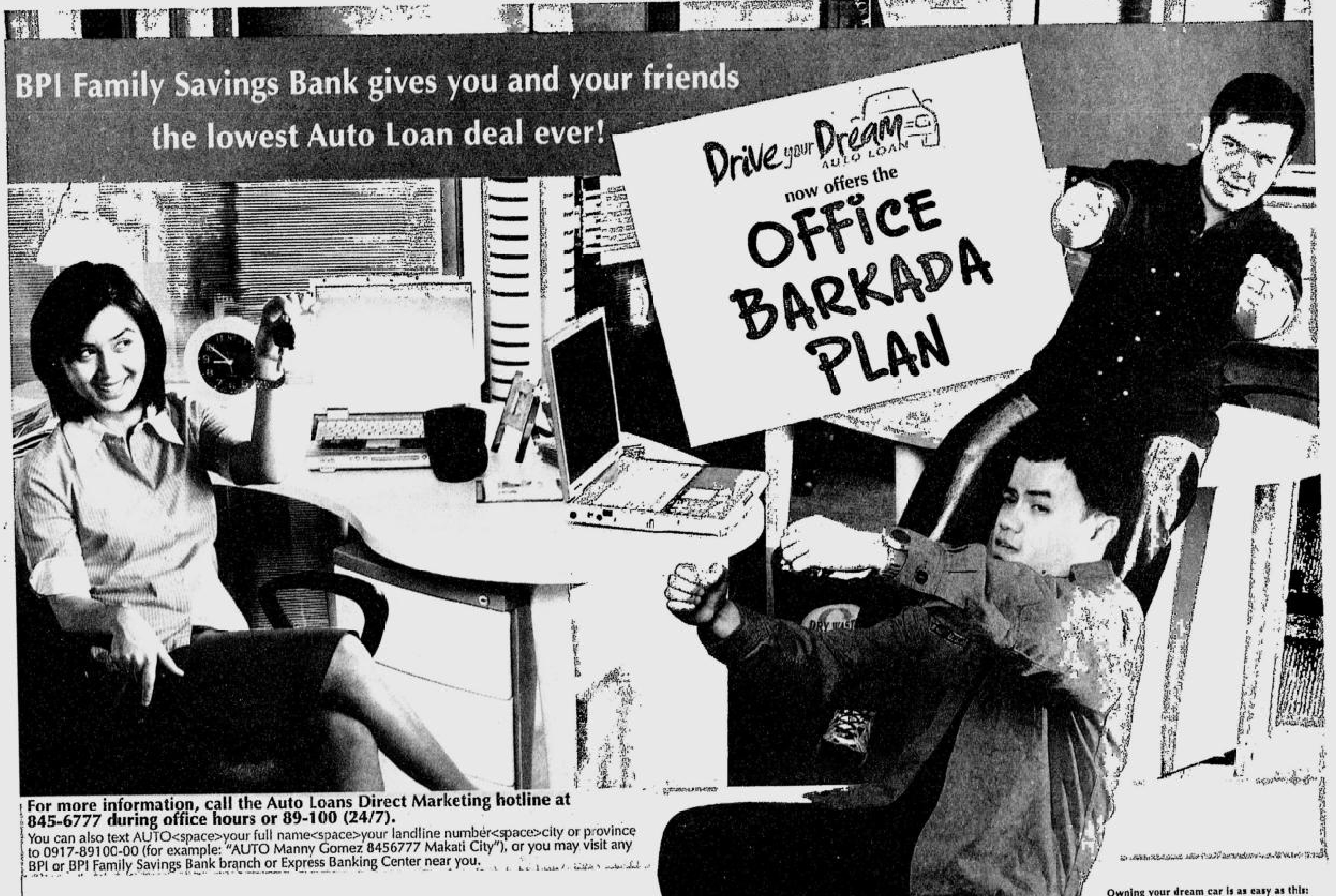
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PLDT to seal deal with US firm once it buys Dream TV

By Clarissa S. Batino

PHILIPPINE LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE Co. will seal its joint venture deal with American pay television provider Echostar Communications Inc. once it completes the purchase of Dream Satellite TV, PLDT's top official said.

PLDT and Echostar will put up a joint venture company where the local phone giant will have 60-percent stake, said Manuel V. Pangilinan, PLDT chair.

The broadcast satellite, owned by former PLDT owner Antonio "Tonyboy" Cojuangco, has a franchise to operate a direct-to-home programming.

PLDT will use the broadcast television platform as a take-off point for its plan to marry telco, media and the Internet. Pay TV operators are speculating that PLDT will give away satellite dishes, each worth about P15,000, for free in order for subscribers to catch up.

PLDT and Echostar plan to invest $85 million to actively engage in pay television operations in the Philippines through satellite receivers, and not through the traditional cable system that had been prone to piracy and signal theft.

PLDT and Echostar has an existing venture under ePLDT, Parlance Systems Inc. The company had been providing call center services to subscribers of Echostar in the United States since 2002.

Their investment in direct broadcast satellite business had been discussed as early as 2000. But securing a franchise was one of the issues that had impeded the venture.

This is why acquiring Philippine Multi-Media System Inc., operator of Dream Satellite TV, is a crucial step before the PLDT-Echostar venture could happen.

PLDT had offered to buy Dream Satellite for $22 million, which, sources said, was accepted by Cojuangco. "But the final amount could be higher," according to one source.

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Virgin coco oil exports surge

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According to the Virgin Coconut Oil Producers and Traders Association of the Philippines (VCNO Philippines), world demand was surging as more countries turn to the product as an alternative food supplement.

VNCO Philippines data showed that in 2003, the group exported an estimated 200 MT or double the 100 MT it shipped out in 2002.

The trend was observed as the industry adopted a national standard in making VCNO as laid out through the Philippine Coconut Authority's Administrative Order No. 01, Series 2005, or the Implementing Rules and Regulations to Enforce Standards in the Production and Marketing of Virgin Coconut Oil.

The standards were registered with the Philippine National Standards and were the result of "extensive and exhaustive" consultations made nationwide with the help of the Department of Trade and Industry's Bureau of Products Standards, the Department of Health's Bureau of Food and Drugs, the Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Agricultural and Fisheries Products Standards, members of VCNO Philippines, and independent producers.

VCNO is being marketed as a food supplement and is said to provide health benefits like protection from viruses, fungi and bacteria because of its monolaurine content, a major component of mother's milk that enhances the immune system of infants.

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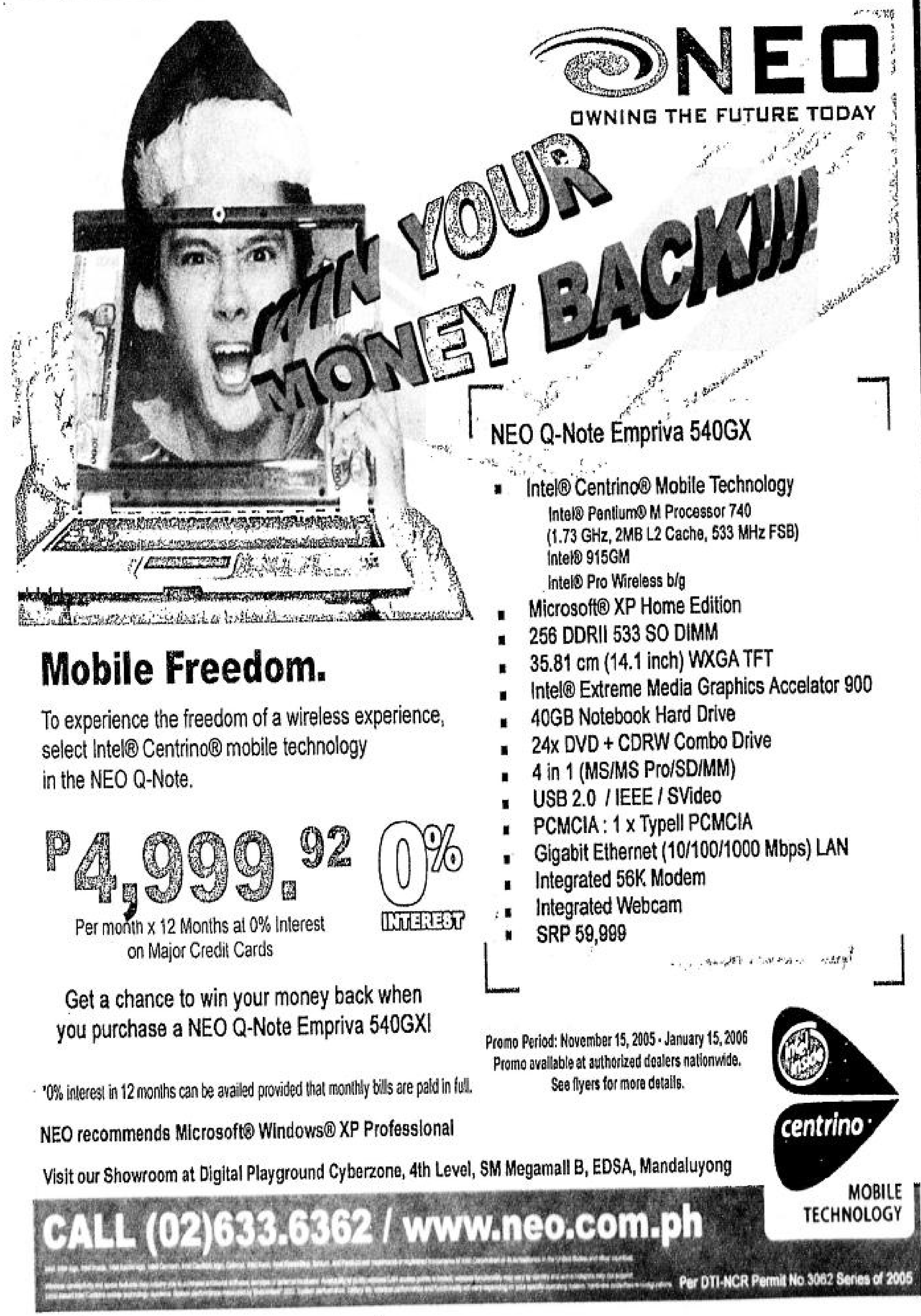
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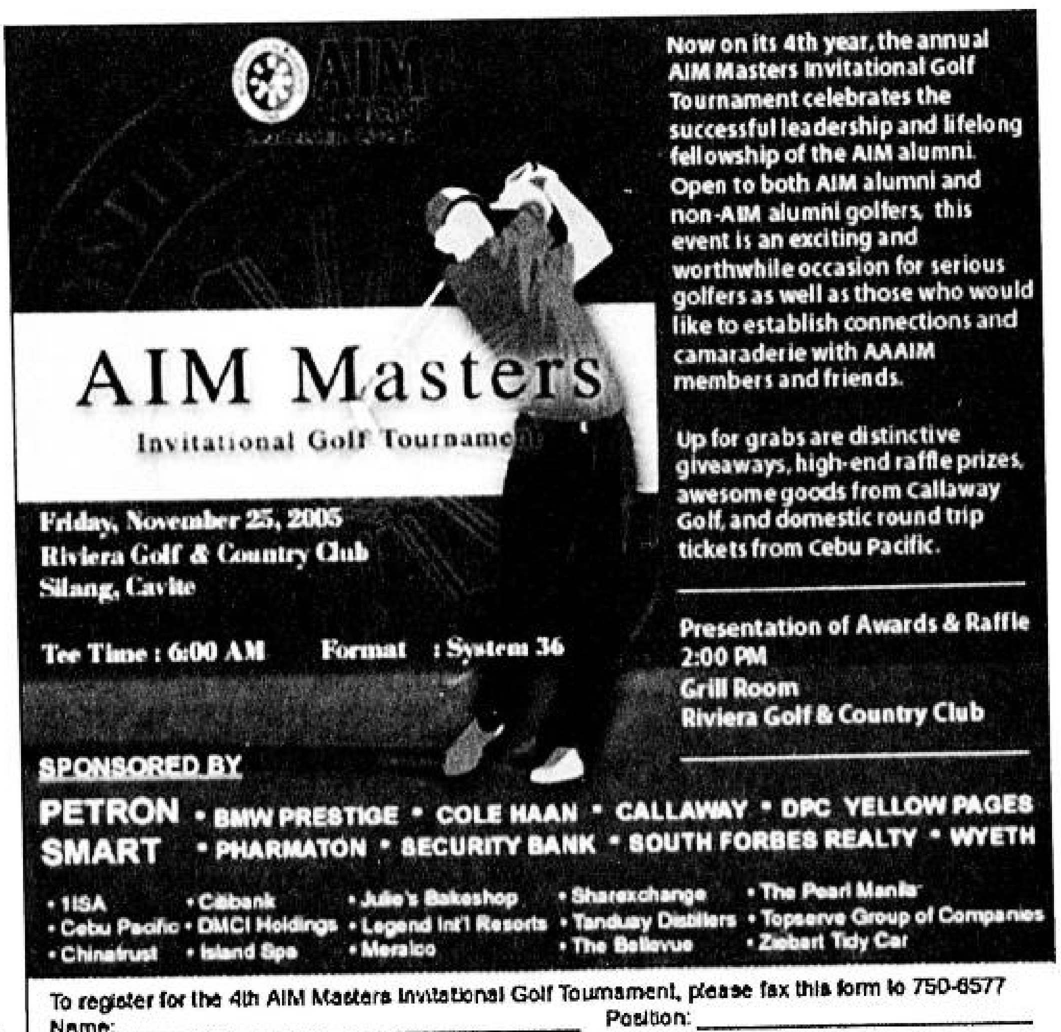
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Petron nets ₱4.8B in 1st 9 months

By Abigail L. Ho

DRIVEN BY STRONG EXPORT SALES IN THE third quarter, industry leader Petron Corp. already surpassed its P3.6-billion net income target for the year by posting a January-to-September profit of close to P4.8 billion.

Favorable international prices and rising export volumes enabled the oil firm to chalk up a net income of almost P2.5 billion in the third quarter alone, even surpassing its first half profit of P2.3 billion.

Export sales contributed 34 percent or P848 million to the company's third-quarter net income, raising nine-month export contribution to P1.6 billion.

Volumes likewise increased in the July-September period, with Petron exporting 4.74 million barrels, 27 percent higher than the 3.72 million barrels exported in the same period last year.

Local demand, however, remained sluggish and declined by 2 percent to only 38.35 million barrels in the first three quarters of 2005.

Despite this, Petron was able to slightly boost its market share to 38.2 percent as of end-August from 38.1 percent in the first half, maintaining its overall market leadership.

In the retail market, with the oil firm adding 42 new outlets to its more than 1,200-outlet network since the start of the year, Petron also retained market leadership with a 34.1-percent share of the pie.

Total sales revenue for the first three quarters of the year grew 32 percent to P138.4 billion.

"Our deliberate strategy to place at least 10 percent of our sales volumes abroad continues to significantly contribute to our bottom line while increasing our presence in the regional market," Petron president and chief executive Khalid Al-Faddagh said in a statement yesterday.

"We are also seeing improved refinery margins due to favorable regional prices and sound strategic investments in our refinery. These include the mixed xylene plant, as well as the $100-million isomerization unit and gasoil hydrotreater that we commissioned last May," he added.

The company will be investing $300 million over the next three years to bankroll additional refinery units that will allow it to expand its mixed xylene capacity and extract new petrochemical streams such as benzene, toluene and propylene.

This amount will also boost refinery operations through higher white product yields.

The new units are expected to go on stream at the beginning of 2008.

"We see unique opportunities for Petron to sustain its growth by diversifying into the petrochemicals business," Petron chair Nicasio Alcantara said.

Petron aims to take advantage of the huge demand for petrochemicals as these command better regional prices and are used in a wide range of industries, including plastics, textiles, pharmaceuticals, food packaging and adhesives.

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eight-month highs, dealers said.

They said the pullback was only natural in the absence of any strong positive leads and allowed investors to consolidate positions before trying to push prices higher again.

The Philippine Stock Exchange composite index fell 20.63 points to 2,072.05 after trading between 2,066.22 and 2,092.68. Volume was 409 million shares worth P495 million.

The broader all-shares index was down 9.29 points at 1,256.18.

Losers beat gainers 49 to 22, with 44 stocks unchanged.

"This decline is purely technical in nature," said Elena Ponceca of Unicapital Securities Inc. "The market needed a breather before it could continue its positive trend."

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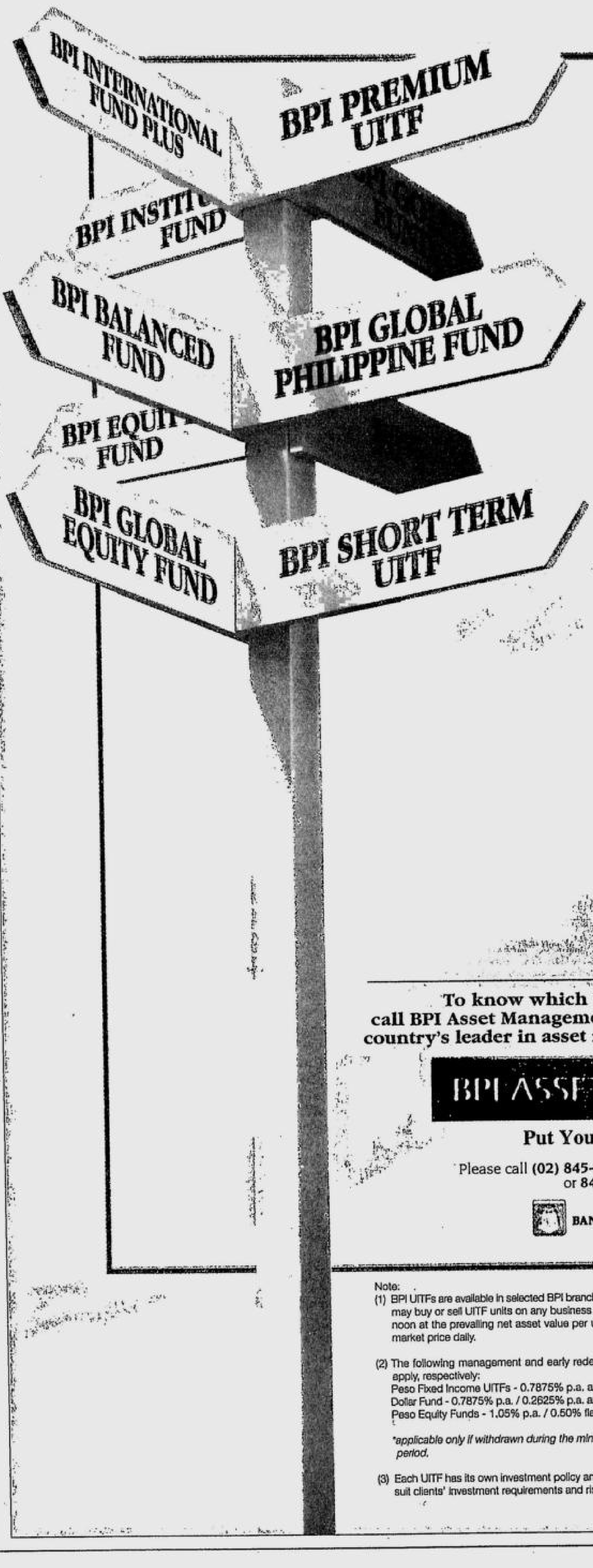

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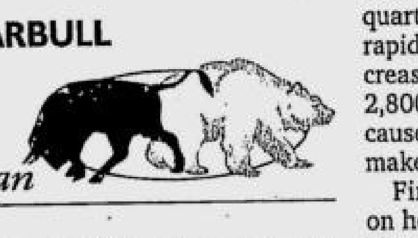

Ron Nathan

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I would like to greet the return of my friend from Spain. Every year, he goes to Pamplona to run with the bare bulls.

Californian winegrowers have had great success with Pinot blanc and Pinot noir. Now they have brought out an anti-diuretic, PEE NO MORE.

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ON TUESDAY, the degree of risk hit its maximum of 100 and had to be suspended for a couple of days. However, on Thursday, the market opened 29 points higher and was so overbought that I advised subscribers to SELL on the slightest sign of weakness. The Phisix lost its upward momentum and gave back all its gains that day and I expected the market to correct further, which it is doing at the moment.

My problem is that there is such a time lag between giving the BUY and SELL signals in the newsletter and putting them in the INQUIRER, that I have decided that from now on, I will limit BUY and SELL signals to the newsletter. I will continue to cover stocks, which I have previously recommended, plus IPOs, but I will not make any new recommendations. This is a pity because my record has been excellent.

When I first started writing for the INQUIRER nearly four years ago, I recommended TEL at P226, and GLO at P400. Since then, the shares have reached P1,860 and P1,100 respectively. Looking back, all my recommendations have risen between 100 percent and 700 percent (TEL). I gave a selling target for SCC at P50 and it reached P52 before collapsing and I said to stay out of SM at P250. It fell to P200 before its recent inclusion in the new index. PCOR, recommended at P1.80, has just announced more than doubled profits and ahead of these figures the shares were trading at P4.

The new index comes into force on Dec. 1 so all index-linked Mutual Funds must position themselves by then. However, judging from the buying, which has already taken place, I imagine that much of it has already been done. Although foreign brokers were very active, local interest remained low. I used to receive 20 to 30 e-mails a day asking all sorts of questions. This week, I received only one, from a 78-year old lesbian wanting to borrow $800. I suppose the locals will return when the market reaches its next peak.

There was a spate of results, most of them good. These have already been analyzed in the newspapers and by brokers so I will not go over the same ground. Only GLOBE did poorly and TEL forecast a possible 20-percent increase, only to reduce it to 15 percent next day. The reduction in costs arises partly from the interest saved by paying off $700 million of debt this year. The head of research at Macquarie Securities wrote that the telecom industry has reached the end of its growth period and that TEL and GLOBE are now cash cows.

I was astonished by the latest results from Paxys, formerly Fil Hispano. Net profit surged from P53 million in the second quarter to P102 million in the third quarter, and the last quarter will be better still. The company had a rapid period of expansion early in the year, increasing the number of seats from 1,700 to 2,800, but profits lagged behind. This is because it takes time to train the agents and make them productive.

First, they have to undergo a basic training on how to address customers' questions and also learn American culture so that they know that the RED SOX is not an article of footwear. Then they have to undergo more specialized training for the job for which they have been assigned. All this takes months but now the company is in full swing, the number of seats will reach at least 3,000 by the end of the year, and revenue is increasing month by month.

During hurricane KATRINA, several U.S. call centers were forced to shut down and Paxys helped out until the crisis was over. To their credit, they did not take advantage of the situation and only charged their usual rates. This won them a lot of respect and goodwill and now they have prospective clients knocking at their door.

I expect profits to rise by more than 100 percent from P135 million in 2004 to P310 million in 2005. Paxys has just leased a new building, which will shortly be refurbished, and this can house another 700 agents so 2006 is going to be another good year. The call center industry is a sunrise industry and all the call centers should have another four years of expansion ahead of them. The total number of seats this year has increased from 40,000 to 70,000-plus, but by 2010, it is expected to reach 200,000 so there is a long way to go.

Paxys is in a position similar to TEL and GLO when they first started out and I expect to see a similar rise in the share price over the next four years. The way to successful investment is to spot the sunrise industries and exit the sunset industries. That is why I was so eager to make the company known to investors last year. Do not buy the shares to trade; rather buy them and lock them away.

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GSIS has eyes set on CTPL monopoly

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GSIS has put forth a proposal that will make the pension fund the sole vendor of CTPL policies in the country.

Eyeing a monopoly ...

In this scheme, motorists will automatically be covered by CTPL insurance once they register their vehicles each year with the LTO. Premium payments will be bundled together with the registration fees to be paid at the LTO cashier, simplifying the process for registrants who, at present, are often forced to buy insurance from sidewalk hawkers located in the vicinity of LTO offices.

If GSIS' proposal is adopted, the country's 4.7 million owners of private vehicles will be forced to automatically buy their policies for comprehensive third-party liability (CTPL) coverage from the state pension fund.

Undoubtedly, the GSIS proposal is simpler and faster than the proposal of the private sector group, which proposes to set up a clearing house that will match insurance policies with payments registrants must make through bank branches.

"Our system is the most convenient," Garcia said in an interview. He explained that vehicle owners, most of whom find the annual registration process a painful chore, want the process simplified.

"No one will want to go and look for a bank when they can pay for the insurance straight at the LTO," he said.

Garcia said that proof of the system's simplicity and viability is the fact that the GSIS team took only 15 minutes to present its proposal to the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC), which must decide on which scheme to adopt.

"The other group took two hours to present," he said.

Backed by state muscle

Garcia also prides himself in the fact that the organization he heads is the country's single biggest and strongest insurer, with more than P280 billion in assets under management.

In contrast, GSIS' private sector rival—a proposed consortium of relatively smaller non-life insurers—has yet to be incorporated, Garcia said.

"This consortium doesn't even have any assets," he points out.

Indeed, many of the insurance firms under the proposed consortium are even balking at the idea of a centralized CTPL issuing scheme, since it will break up many of their lucrative fiefdoms.

More importantly, Garcia said, he wants to protect "the public's interests" by putting an end to the proliferation of fake insurance policies and unscrupulous insurers—by taking over the industry.

Facing extinction

Mario C. Valdes, acting general manager of the Philippine Insurers and Reinsurers Association (Pira), admits that the smaller non-life insurance firms, especially those specializing in selling CTPL policies, will be hurt by the reforms, regardless of what form it takes.

"But we have to make these changes," Valdes said, noting that a few unscrupulous firms have managed to taint the whole industry.

"The reason [GSIS] is stepping in is because of the anomalies," the Pira official said. "That's true."

Valdes said he has received reports about insurance agents selling policies mass produced on mimeograph machines. The policies would be mindlessly accepted by LTO offices without being counterchecked whether they were genuine.

Valdes said that the authorities have been lax. "Some intrepid individuals have been allowed to profit."

Non-life insurers, however, are not about to give way to the GSIS proposal, since it will put many of them out of business.

Aside from the fact that it goes against the principles of free enterprise, Valdes said GSIS' desire to move into the private insurance industry may be illegal.

He said the state pension fund's charter limits it to insuring only government assets. But GSIS executive vice president Enriqueta Disuangco points to a Marcos-era presidential decree, which effectively expanded the GSIS' scope of operations to include private insurance activities.

Valdes counters that the GSIS is taking the Marcos decree totally out of context, since the expansion of the pension fund's activities was made with the condition that "it shouldn't diminish the private sector business."

Indeed, adopting the GSIS proposal will not only diminish its private sector rivals. It will wipe them off the business map.

There are also questions about how the transaction taxes will be remitted to the government, since GSIS is a tax-exempt institution and is not authorized to collect taxes on behalf of the state.

Final say

Nonetheless, Garcia is confident that his proposal will triumph over the private sector initiative, which is backed by newly appointed Insurance Commissioner Evangeline C. Escobillo and her boss, Finance Secretary Margarito B. Teves.

So far, the DOTC, which has a big say on the issue, has remained silent since the proposals were put forth late last year, opting to watch the protagonists slug it out first.

Given the looming stalemate between both camps, it seems increasingly likely that the impasse will be broken only by Malacañang, which Garcia, Teves and DOTC chief Leandro R. Mendoza all answer to.

Insurance industry observers agree that, if this scenario unfolds, the fate of the P2.4-billion annual insurance revenue will become a contest of which proponent has President Macapagal-Arroyo's ear—a kind of fight Garcia has handily won in the past.

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Supply and Delivery Ultrahigh Pressure Extinguishing Fire Pumps

(Reference No.: PB2050629-LE0059)

1. The NATIONAL TRANSMISSION CORPORATION, Head Office Region (TRANSCO-HO) through the 2005 Corporate Budget approved by the TransCo Board intends to apply the sum of *Php 2,500,000.00* being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for *PR No. NOD-05-0010890, Supply and Delivery of Ultrahigh Pressure Extinguishing Fire Pumps*. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.
2. The TRANSCO-HO now invites Bids from eligible Bidders for *Supply and Delivery of Ultrahigh Pressure Extinguishing Fire Pumps*. Delivery of the GOODS is required as listed below. The description of an eligible Bidder is contained in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB.
3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act," and is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to Republic Act 5183 (R.A. 5183) and subject to Commonwealth Act 138 (C.A., 138). Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB. The bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB) shall advance to the post-qualification stage in order to finally determine responsiveness of the bid to technical and financial requirements of the project. The contract shall then be awarded to the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who was determined as such during the post-qualification procedure.
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3. Surety bond	Two and a half percent (2-1/2% or Php 62,500.00
4. Foreign government guarantee	One hundred percent (100%) or P2,500,000.00

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Chairman, Bids & Awards Committee

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PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of November 14, 2005)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	33.5	34	33.5	34	79,000
Bank of the Phil. Islands	59.5	59.5	57	58	345,700
Citystate Savings Bank	17.25	17.25	17.25	17.25	500
Export and Ind. Bank Inc.	0.64	0.64	0.63	0.63	4,460,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	52	52	52	52	21,700
International Exch. Bank	20.5	20.5	20.5	20.5	142,000
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	30.5	30.5	29.5	29.5	609,100
Philippine National Bank	31	31	30.5	30.5	118,300
Rizal Comm. Banking Corp.	14	14	14	14	20,000
Security Bank Corp.	32.5	33	32.5	33	46,600
Union Bank of the Phil.	30	30	30	30	3,000
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
Bankard Inc.	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	10,000
First Metro Invest. Corp.	25	25	24.5	25	6,700
PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc.	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	50,000
Sun Life Financial Inc.	2000	2010	2000	2010	2,670
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	14.75	14.75	14.25	14.5	162,800
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	0.96	0.96	0.94	0.94	1,580,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	720	720	710	715	1,770
Ipeople Inc.	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	78,000
Pilipino Tel. Corp.	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.3	1,776,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	1805	1805	1790	1790	55,810
Ivantage Corp.	0.59	0.59	0.58	0.58	4,350,000
Philweb Corp.	0.016	0.016	0.015	0.016	112,000,000
POWER, ENERGY & OTHER UTILITIES					
Manila Electric Co. A	14.25	14.25	14.25	14.25	12,500
Manila Electric Co. B	22	22	21.25	21.25	570,300
Manila Water Co. Inc.	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.7	2,756,000
Petron Corp.	3.95	4	3.9	4	4,657,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97	40,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Asian Terminals Inc.	1.74	1.74	1.74	1.74	109,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	9.7	9.7	9.4	9.5	1,246,000
Keppel Phils. Marine Inc.	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	300,000
Lorenzo Shipping Corp.	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.16	1,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	490,000
Holcim Philippines Inc.	3.65	3.75	3.6	3.75	2,754,000
Republic Glass Hldg. Corp.	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	200,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	20,000
Ginebra San Miguel Inc.	28	28	28	28	1,000
Jollibee Foods Corp.	38.5	39	38.5	39	141,300
Pancake House Inc.	3.05	3.05	3	3.05	135,000
Swift Food Inc.	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	20,000
San Miguel Corp. A	64.5	65	64.5	64.5	17,600
San Miguel Corp. B	89.5	90	89.5	90	1,500
Phil Tob Flue Cur & Redry	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	1,000
Universal Robina Corp.	16.5	16.5	16	16	275,300
Vitarich Corp.	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	200,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Ayala Corp.	315	317.5	310	312.5	139,600
Alsons Cons. Res. Inc.	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	200,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1	653,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.024	1,500,000
A. Soriano Corp.	2.24	2.24	2.24	2.24	49,000
APC Group Inc.	0.235	0.235	0.235	0.235	60,000
Anglo Phil Holdings Corp.	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.82	50,000
Bacnotan Cons Indus Inc.	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	75,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	1.14	1.14	1.08	1.08	5,446,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	300,000
Southeast Asian Cement	0.27	0.28	0.27	0.28	2,370,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	3.65	3.7	3.65	3.7	23,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.14	100,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	48	48	47	47.5	409,800
Global Equities Inc.	0.0675	0.0675	0.0675	0.0675	2,500,000
House Of Investments Inc.	0.82	0.83	0.82	0.82	510,000
Ionics Inc.	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	125,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	3.75	3.75	3.65	3.65	940,000
Megaworld Corp.	1.28	1.34	1.28	1.32	15,824,000
Multitech Inv. Corp.	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	400,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.36	0.37	0.35	0.35	21,510,000
Paxys Inc.	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.2	129,000
Prime Orion Phils. Inc.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	50,000
Roxas Holdings Inc.	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.26	300,000
SM Investments Corp.	248	250	246	250	21,040
Tanduay Holdings Inc.	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	2,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.135	0.135	0.135	0.135	1,200,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Metro Alliance Hldgs B	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	620,000
Music Semiconductors Corp.	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	10,000
Mabuhay Vinyl Corp.	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.76	200,000
Picop Resources Inc.	0.0775	0.085	0.0775	0.085	600,000
Panasonic Mfg Phil Corp.	7	7	7	7	33,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES					
Belle Corp.	0.95	0.96	0.95	0.96	1,030,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.79	0.81	0.79	0.79	640,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	1.5	1.5	1.46	1.46	140,000
Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc.	0.3	0.31	0.3	0.31	3,550,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (PDR)	15	15	14.25	14.25	202,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series N	11	11	11	11	300
PLDT (10% Pref) Series X	10.75	10.75	10.75	10.75	700
OTHERS					
Centro Escolar University	8.9	9	8.9	9	10,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	9.6	9.6	9.4	9.5	6,945,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98	400,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.27	0.27	0.26	0.26	1,430,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.225	0.225	0.225	0.225	80,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.45	0.47	0.45	0.46	27,260,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	1.48	1.48	1.44	1.46	3,515,000
Kuok Phil. Properties	0.2	0.2	0.195	0.2	5,350,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc.	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	50,000
MRC Allied Ind. Inc.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	100,000
Robinsons Land Corp.	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	430,000
SM Development Corp.	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.38	100,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	8.1	8.2	8.1	8.2	1,092,000
MINING					
Apex Mining Co. Inc. A	0.96	1	0.96	0.96	120,000
Apex Mining Co. Inc. B	1	1	0.97	0.97	150,000
Abra Mining & Industrial	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	35,000,000
Atlas Cons. Min & Dev't	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.8	277,000
Benguet Corp. A	8	8.1	8	8.1	29,000
Dizon Copper Silver Mines	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	25,000
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.225	0.23	0.22	0.22	5,010,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co. B	0.25	0.26	0.245	0.245	9,810,000
Manila Mining Corp. A	0.016	0.016	0.016	0.016	38,000,000
Manila Mining Corp. B	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	4,600,000
Omico Corp.	0.0055	0.006	0.0055	0.0055	68,000,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	1.14	1.14	1.12	1.12	5,134,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	1.34	1.34	1.3	1.34	1,557,000
Semirara Mining Corp.	27.5	27.5	27	27	144,300
United Paragon Mining Co.	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	300,000
OIL					
The Philodrill Corp. B	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	10,000
Petroenergy Res. Corp.	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	40,000
Sinophil Corp.	0.135	0.135	0.135	0.135	220,000

CURRENCIES

November 14, 2005 Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Dollar Equivalent	Peso Equivalent
United States	Dollar	0.852951	1.000000	54.5200
Japan	Yen	0.007235	0.008482	0.4624
United Kingdom	Pound	1.485926	1.742100	94.9793
Hongkong	Dollar	0.109991	0.128954	7.0306
Switzerland	Franc	0.650413	0.762544	41.5739
Canada	Dollar	0.717007	0.840619	45.8305
Singapore	Dollar	0.501264	0.587682	32.0404
Australia	Dollar	0.624370	0.732011	39.9092
Bahrain	Dinar*	2.264212	2.654562	144.7267
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.227441	0.266652	14.5379
Brunei	Dollar	0.499795	0.585960	31.9465
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000085	0.000100	0.0055
Thailand	Baht	0.020783	0.024366	1.3284
UAE	Dirham	0.232235	0.272272	14.8443
Euro	Euro	1.000000	1.172400	63.9192
Argentina	Peso	0.287673	0.337268	18.3879
Brazil	Real	0.394885	0.462963	25.2407
Denmark	Kroner	0.134184	0.157317	8.5769
India	Rupee	0.018730	0.021959	1.1972
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.225756	0.264676	14.4301
Mexico	New Peso	0.079898	0.093672	5.1070
New Zealand	Dollar	0.585738	0.686719	37.4399
Norway	Kroner	0.129194	0.151467	8.2580
Pakistan	Rupee	0.014278	0.016739	0.9126
South Africa	Rand	0.126928	0.148810	8.1131
Korea	Won	0.000819	0.000960	0.0523
Sweden	Kroner	0.104604	0.122638	6.6862
Syria	Pound	0.016431	0.019264	1.0503
Taiwan	Nt Dollar	0.025517	0.029916	1.6310
Venezuela	Bolivar	0.000397	0.000466	0.0254

T-bill rates fall . . .

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basis points to 8.818 percent. Bids for the one-year debt instrument reached P8.255 billion. (One percentage point is equivalent to 100 basis points.)

Contrary to predictions that interest rates would be on an uptrend in 2006, Cruz said the interest rate environment could even be better next year because of the impact of a further improvement in the country's fiscal situation. He said lower interest rates could help the government save on interest payments.

Aside from improving interest rates, he said, the government could likewise generate savings from a likely appreciation of the peso next year. Estimates showed that the government saves P4.3 billion in debt payments—both principal and interest—for every peso improvement in the exchange rate.

In its debt-payments program for next year, the government made an assumption that the peso would average at 55 to $1. But analysts said the peso could hit an average of 53 to a dollar next year, specially if the government realizes the expected revenues from the new VAT law.

HIGHER OPERATING COSTS

Jollibee's Jul-Sep. net income fell 7.9% to ₱273M

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

HIGHER ELECTRICITY AND FUEL costs dragged down from July to September the net income of Jollibee Foods Corp. to P273.2 million, a 7.9-percent drop over the same period last year.

JFC chair Tony Tan Caktiong said increasing costs of fuel and electricity began to affect consumer behavior and, in turn, affected spending in the food service sector, with people choosing to eat at home rather than outside.

But from January to September, Jollibee reported a 6-percent growth in net income, indicating that a modest growth may still be in store for the largest fast-food chain in the country, with over 1,223 branches here and abroad.

"Our research indicated that, in general, consumers spent more for fast foods in the second quarter of 2005 than in the same period of 2004, but they spent less in the third quarter of 2005 versus the same period last year," Tan Caktiong said in a statement to the Philippine Stock Exchange. "This trend suggests that the continued increase in the cost of utilities, which would have reduced discretionary spending, had already affected the consumer behavior of eating out of home, although the slowdown was not dramatic."

Jollibee reported that system-wide retail sales, or a measure of all sales to consumers from both company-owned and franchised stores, grew 9.9 percent in the third quarter to P9.4 billion against an 11.8 percent growth rate in the second quarter.

In the Philippines, system-wide sales grew as follows: Jollibee, 8.3 percent; Chowking, 9.4 percent; Greenwich, 4.3 percent; and Delifrance, 33.2 percent. In China, Yonghe King sales grew 9.5 percent.

Revenue also jumped 4.7 percent to P6.9 billion in the third quarter, while income from operations fell 10.6 percent to P372.9 million.

While gross profit over food costs improved to 51 percent of revenues in 2005 from July to September, from 48.4 percent of revenues in the same quarter last year, operating margins softened to 5.4 percent from 6.4 percent last year.

"Our flagship brand Jollibee in the Philippines which accounts for 59 percent of our business performed strongly," Tan Caktiong said.

He also said that Jollibee's other brands—Chowking, Greenwich, and Delifrance—improved their market shares, but reported weaker profit margins due to higher costs of operations.

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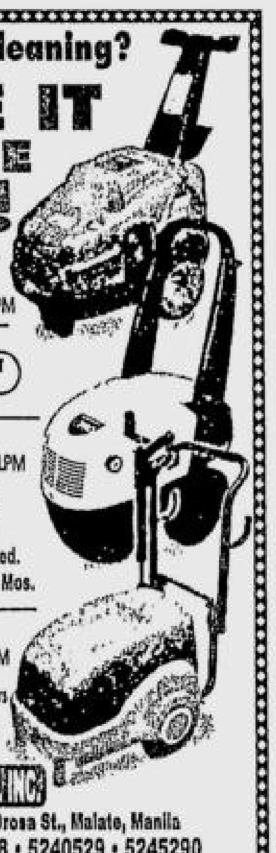

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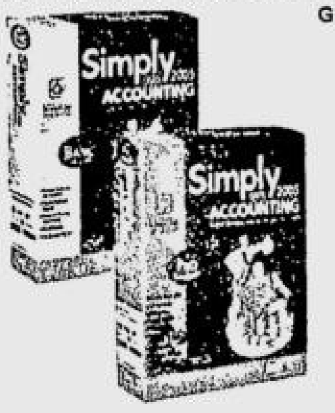

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Asian markets extend gains

HONG KONG—ASIAN STOCKS ROSE ON Monday, with Tokyo and Seoul share indexes hitting new milestones following a positive lead from US stocks, while oil prices climbed back toward $58 a barrel.

US crude, which settled 27 cents lower at $57.53 a barrel on Friday, rose 46 cents to $57.99 in early trading in Asian markets.

Early yesterday, Tokyo stocks were up 0.29 percent after earlier reaching a four-year high thanks to advances in chip equipment maker Advantest Corp., electronics maker Sony and auto-maker Honda Motor.

Investors also reacted to data showing Japan's current account surplus rose a stronger-than-expected 6.5 percent in September from the same month a year ago.

"The figure was slightly higher than expected because of the rise in the income and services account. The trend remains the same, in that the narrowing in trade surplus is being offset by a rise in incomes and services," said Yoshimasa Maruyama, an economist at BNP Paribas.

In South Korea, the benchmark KOSPI set a record high before stepping back slightly amid worries the market may be overbought after its recent rally.

"Although market sentiment is still very good, the technical burden has become too much," said Goodmorning Shinhan Securities analyst Kim Joong-hyun.

Among the early gainers were Hynix Semiconductor and Samsung Electronics.

Australian stocks reached their highest level in nearly six weeks, climbing 0.5 percent as global miners BHP Billiton and Rio Tinto rose on the back of firmer base metal prices.

Copper closed at a record high on the London Metal Exchange on Friday as funds focused on supply tightness.

In Hong Kong, all eyes will be on the government's $2.8 billion Link REIT, the world's largest IPO by a property trust, which will open for retail buying between Monday and Thursday.

The issue is set to debut on the stock exchange on Nov. 25.

On Friday, US blue chips ended up 0.43 percent at a three-month high, while the tech-laden Nasdaq Composite Index climbed 0.26 percent.

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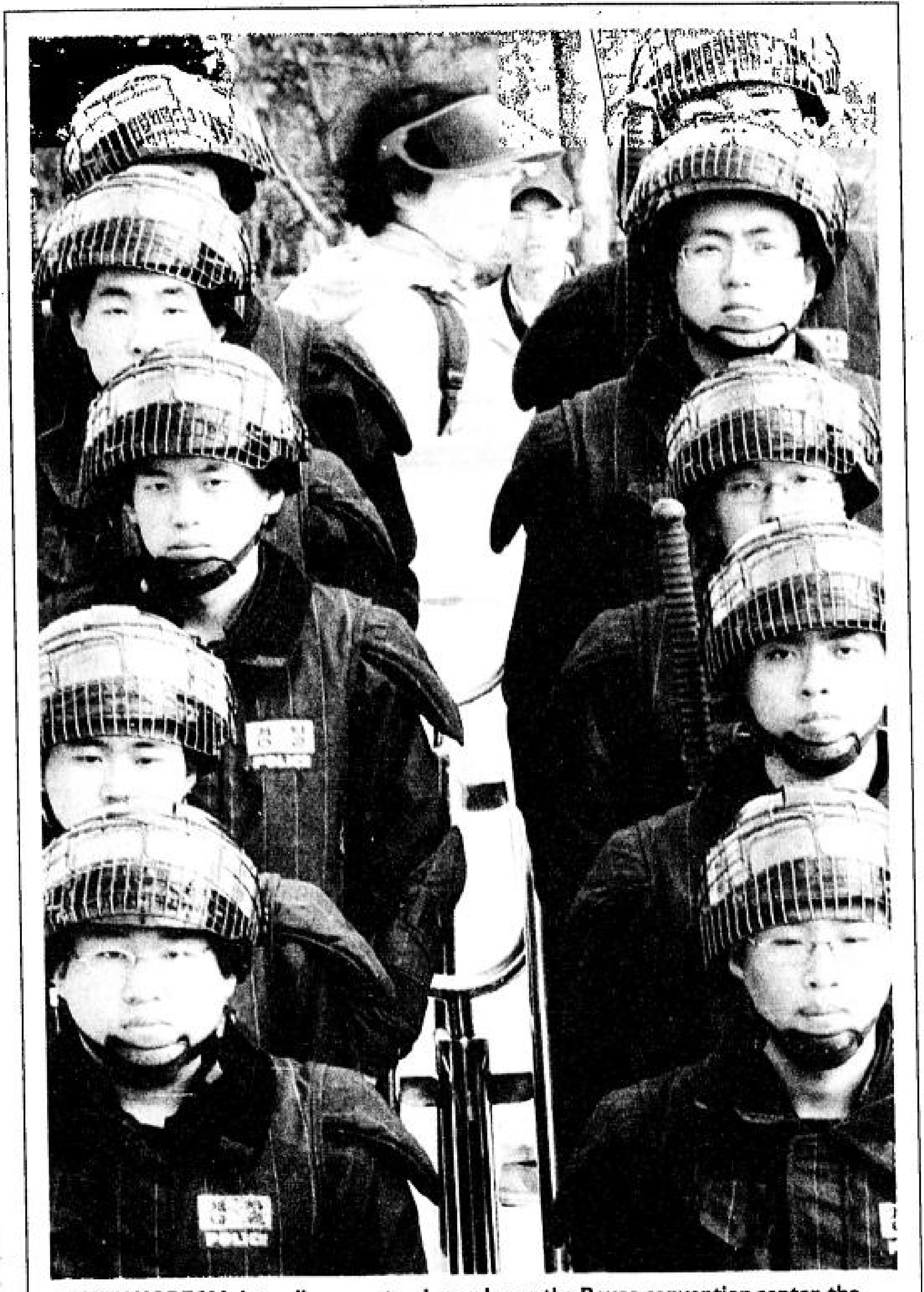
Apec leaders must not let WTO talks



SOUTH KOREAN riot policemen stand guard near the Bexco convention center, the venue for Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation meeting (Apec), in Busan, south of Seoul. Senior officials from 21 Asia Pacific economies agreed their leaders must issue a "powerful statement" at their annual summit to try to save stalled global trade talks from collapse, and also intensify measures to fight other threats such as terrorism and a possible flu pandemic. AP

BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA—MOMENTUM gathered Monday for Pacific Rim leaders to use their annual summit to try to break a deadlock in negotiations that are threatening the current global trade round.

Senior officials on Monday fine tuned what they said would be a strongly worded statement that the 21 leaders of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum would adopt later this week to try to revive hopes for a World Trade Organization meeting in Hong Kong next month.

Apec's business lobby group, meeting Monday on the sidelines of the official gathering, called on the leaders to use their political influence to end the stalemate.

"We urge Apec leaders to exert their collective will in ways that cannot be denied," the Apec Business Advisory Council said in a letter to South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun, the summit's host.

The WTO's so-called Doha gotiations have come to a n because of differences over lo dies protecting farmers, esp rope, and other reasons. Offi ried the talks could collapse not made in Hong Kong.

"If this cannot be resolved happen in Hong Kong and it w the WTO to get back on it's fe Custodio, the Philippines' se "It's make or break."

Underscoring the issue's i Apec, South Korea had called unscheduled meeting of fore for Tuesday specifically to dis statement, Custodio said.

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US investors mull growth areas as bird flu looms

CHICAGO—THE SPREAD OF ASIA'S deadly bird flu virus has investors scrambling to assess which products or commodities will benefit at the expense of others, with pork producers and drugmakers attracting the keenest focus early on.

Among the areas that could be hurt, should the virus mutate and cause a global pandemic, are crude oil prices and certain currencies such as the Chinese yuan. A pandemic would generally hurt economies, lessen demand for energy and disrupt trade and travel, analysts said.

The high-risk H5N1 strain of bird flu, or avian flu, has killed 64 people and infected more than 100 others in Asia since late 2003. The disease has also been found in Europe, but is not in the United States.

Countries with the disease, such as China, Thailand and Vietnam, have killed chickens and other birds to curb its spread.

The disease has spread from birds to people but scientists are worried a global pandemic would occur if the virus mutates and spreads from person to person.

Recent gains in hog prices at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange have been attributed in part to expected bird lated demand for pork, the analysts

A shift to pork occurred in J when its cattle were detected to mad cow disease in 2001, he said.

The benefits to US chicken comp such as Tyson Foods Inc., Pilgrim's Corp. and others, are less clear. companies could be helped if cou afflicted with bird flu must import chicken to replace destroyed flocks.

Asian countries and Russia cou crease imports 10 to 15 percent as production there falls due to th Pablo Zuanic, JP Morgan food an said in a recent research report.

However, the concern is that ove consumers could turn away from ch altogether, which could be negative

Currencies of countries with th ease could also suffer.

"If this flu strain were to start inf a greater number of people, the firs nomic problem would almost cer be Asia's, with travel restriction frightened investors threatening a sal of the capital flows," said Chip lon, president of Global Advisors l firm that specializes in global equi kets and currency trading. *Re*

Singapore invites 'starchitects' for major casino project

SINGAPORE—SINGAPORE IS WOOING top architects such as I.M. Pei and Daniel Libeskind to design an iconic casino building on a par with Sydney's Opera House and Bilbao's Guggenheim Museum.

The city-state, better known for its shopping malls and rigorous urban planning, now wants a breath-taking skyline.

It has invited gaming companies to team up with leading architects, or "starchitects," when they submit proposals for two casino resorts that are expected to cost up to $5 billion.

Across Asia, eye-catching designer buildings are as much a statement of economic achievement as about creating internationally recognizable marketing symbols, from Kuala Lumpur's soaring Petronas Towers to Beijing's National Stadium, shaped like a bird's nest and planned for the 2008 Olympics.

Singapore's most distinctive building so far is its waterfront performing arts center, the Esplanade, whose spiky domes have evoked comparisons to the prickly shell of the tropical *durian* fruit or to bugs' eyes.

"It's about creating a brand or a logo—a visual shorthand for the city that can generate excitement and be used in communications," said Rosalynn Tay, deputy managing director of Leo Burnett Singapore.

I.M. Pei, who designed Hong Kong's Bank of China building, and Daniel Libeskind, designer of the "Freedom Tower" at New York's Ground Zero, have teamed up with gaming companies that may bid for a casino in Singapore's downtown waterfront, the first of two such projects in the country.

Even visionary Dutch architect Rem Koolhaas, who in 1995 slammed Singapore as a city "stripped of the last vestiges of authenticity and dignity" after it razed parts of Chinatown to make way for new housing and offices, has been invited to speak at a government-organized forum on design next week.

The government scrapped a ban on casinos earlier this year, saying it expects the two resorts to create over 35,000 jobs and boost growth in the $110 billion economy. Singapore, which is 3.5 times the size of Washington DC with just 4.2 million people, needs to develop its services sector as it loses manufacturing jobs to lower-cost countries such as China and Malaysia.

Indeed, the city's two casinos are key to its aim of tripling tourism revenues to S$30 billion by 2015.

The focus on the design of the downtown casino intensified at the start o month when the government fixed a billion ($706 million) price tag fo 20.6-hectare site.

A distinctive landmark could even bring tangible economic benefits by g ating tourism, said Leo Burnett's Tay.

The winning bid would "shape the i of the Singapore skyline for many ye come", said Minister of National Dev ment Mah Bow Tan. He said a panel ternational and local design experts advise the government before it decid the winning bid, to be announced in 2006. REUTERS

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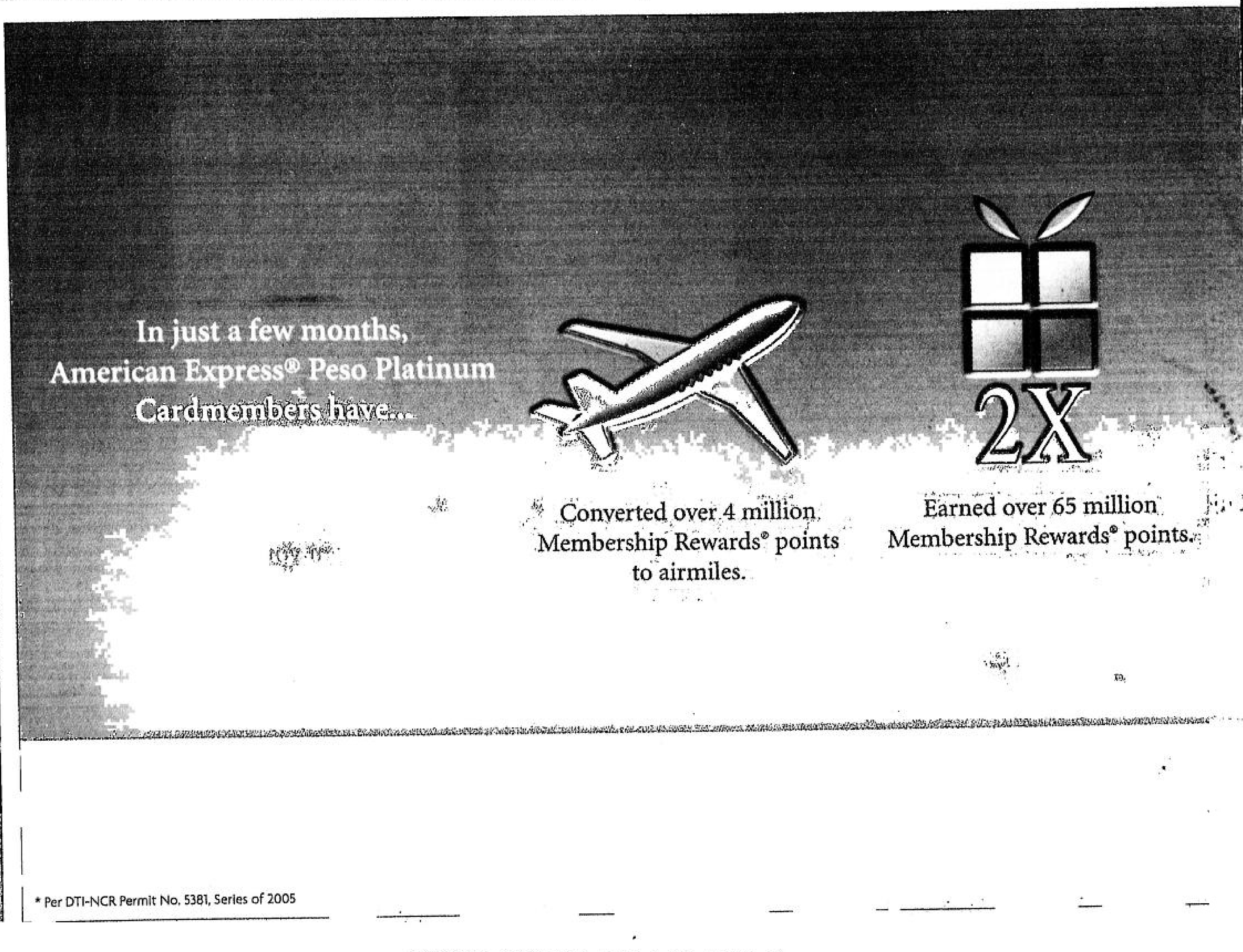

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US President George W. Bush, China's Hu Jintao, Japan's Junichiro Koizumi and the 18 other leaders will hold two days of talks on Friday and Saturday, preceded by discussions by their foreign ministers.

The week's meetings also include a wide variety of bilateral talks.

In addition to the WTO statement, Apec leaders are also expected to sign off of a wide-ranging communique that will include new counterterrorism and anticorruption proposals, cooperation on combatting bird flu, and steps to advance the group's goal of establishing a free-trade zone by 2020.

On counterterrorism, the officials reached agreement Sunday on a US proposal to test major airports in each Apec economy for vulnerability to attack using shoulder-fired missiles.

Initial opposition from China and several other countries was overcome by making the commitment nonbinding and the tests voluntary, officials told The Associated Press.

Agreement was also reached on fighting bird flu, including cooperation to develop a vaccine and greater information sharing and other measures.

Experts fear the H5N1 strain of the bird flu virus that is sweeping Asia could mutate into a version easily passed between humans, sparking a pandemic that could kill millions. At least 64 people have died in Southeast Asia from bird flu after coming into contact with sick birds, and millions of birds have died or been culled.

Senior officials concluded two days of formal talks on Sunday, but work on the statements continued Monday in various committees. Final drafts will be discussed by Apec foreign ministers at meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday before being handed to the leaders for their summit on Friday and Saturday.

Thousands of security forces have been deployed in the host city of Busan against possible terrorist attacks and planned antiglobalization protests. Some 18,000 demonstrators waved anti-Apec placards at a trade union-backed protest on Sunday in the capital, Seoul. It ended peacefully.

Apec, whose members include Canada, Australia and several Southeast Asian and Latin American nations, represents more than a third of the world's population, about 60 percent of the global economy and nearly half of world trade. *AP*

IBM machine again tops supercomputer list

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SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA—AN IBM-built computer that has topped the list of the world's 500 most powerful supercomputers has widened its lead in the latest ranking released Monday.

The computer named Blue Gene/L, deployed at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, has doubled its performance to 280.6 teraflops (trillion calculations per second), up from 136.8 teraflops from the list released in June.

The system, which is used to study the US nuclear stockpile and perform other research, was officially completed this summer after it was doubled in size. Researchers expect it will hold the top spot for the foreseeable future.

"This is as fast as this will get under the contract we have, but it's not limited to be only this fast," said Dave Turek, vice president of deep computing at IBM.

International Business Machines Corp. built the top three systems on the list released Monday by the Top 500 project, an independent group of university computer scientists who release supercomputer rankings every six months.

Big Blue built 43.8 percent of the systems on the entire list.

The No. 2 machine is another Blue Gene system, with performance ranked at 91.2 teraflops. It's installed at IBM's Thomas Watson Research Center. The No. 3 system, also at LLNL, reached 63.4 teraflops in the test.

Hewlett-Packard Co. is the No. 2 manufacturer, with 33.8 percent of the machines on the list. No other computer maker has more than 7 percent in any category. *AP*

RP canning firms agree not to shut down

ZAMBOANGA—FISHING AND canning operators in this southern port city have been thrown a temporary financial lifeline by the government, saving the jobs of about 31,000 people for the time being, the government said Monday.

A special economic team headed by presidential adviser on Mindanao Affairs and the Mindanao Economic Development Council, Jesus Dureza, met with local business leaders last week to avert the closure of plants in Zamboanga due to rising fuel prices.

It is estimated that at least 65 percent of the fishing industry's operating cost is spent on fuel.

"We got a commitment from industry players and they feel more confident now that they can minimize the effects of the cut backs in both operations and labor," Dureza said.

He told reporters the government intended to allot at least P3 billion to help local fishing and canning factories offset the impact of high operating costs and to upgrade their facilities.

The Department of Labor and Employment has also set aside some P500,000 to help workers who may still lose their jobs as canneries slim down their operations.

Dureza said the majority of the 19 fishing industries, nine canning firms, and three tin can manufacturers in Zamboanga had committed to extending their operations for the time being to cushion the possible social impact closure would bring.

Seven canning factories had earlier this month filed a notice of temporary cessation of operations with DOLE.

Dureza said most of the factories that had indicated they would be shutting down this month and early December had decided to continue operations, at least for now, following government intervention.

Operators of the canning factories and fishing fleets however are still apprehensive about long-term survival of their industries. *AFP*

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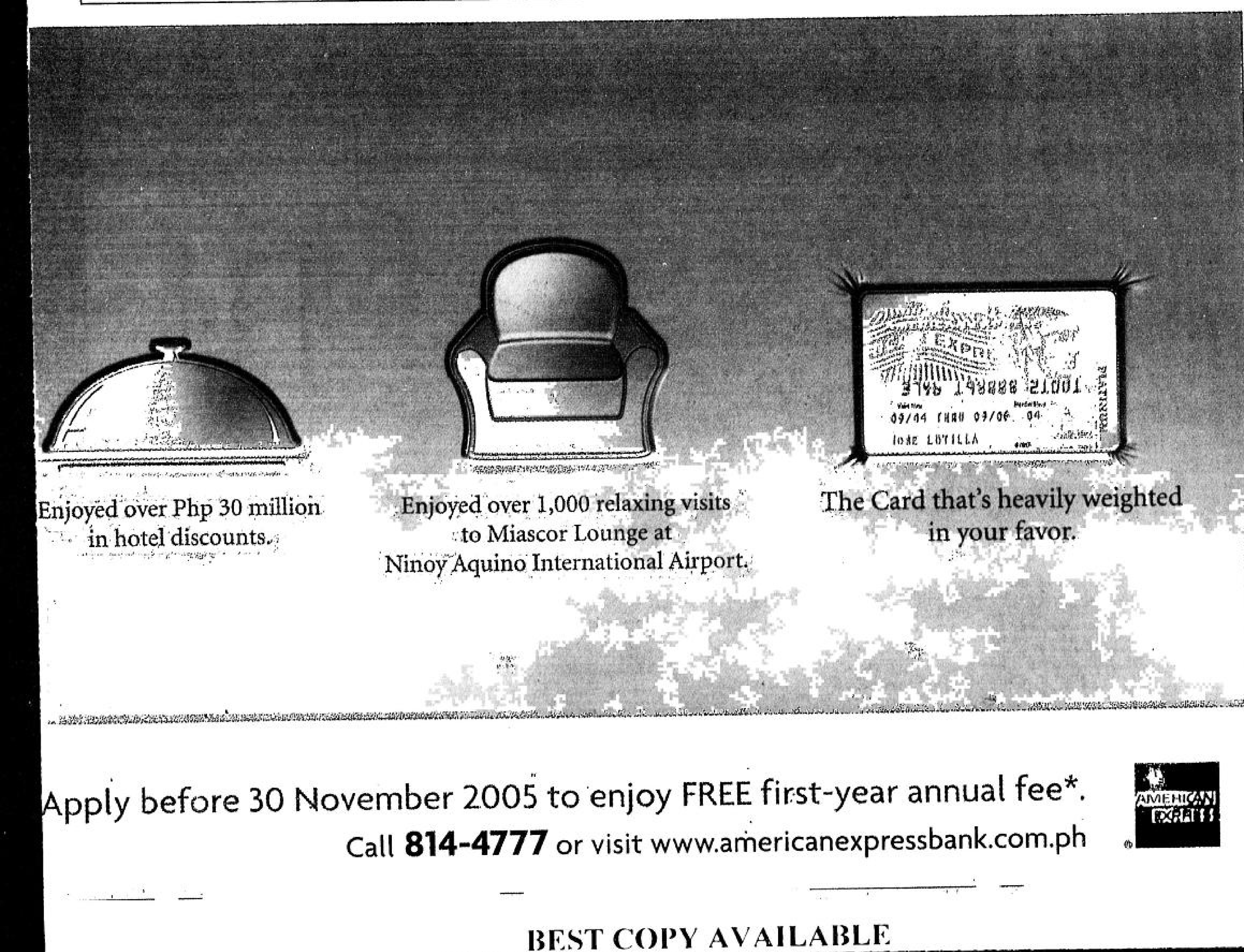

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Bureau of Internal Revenue through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) invites interested parties to apply for eligibility and to bid for the:

Name of Project : BROADBAND INTERNET SERVICE
Location : BIR, Revenue Region No. 03, Tuguegarao City (Revenue District Offices Included)
Approved Budget : P693,000.00
Contract Duration : January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006

All interested parties may get the bidding requirements/terms from Ms. Cirila R. Alegre, Head, BAC Secretariat, BIR Regional Office, ATI Bldg., Don Domingo, Tuguegarao City starting November 15, 2005. Submission of the sealed bids will be until December 7, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. The opening and deliberation of the bids will be at 9:00 a.m. on the same day and will be held at the BIR Regional Office.

The criteria to be used by the BIR are the following: a) eligibility check of prospective bidders; b) examination and evaluation of bids; and c) post qualification shall be on a non-discretionary "pass/fail" basis.

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For particulars, please inquire from the BAC Secretariat at telephone no. 844-3779/844-2863.

APPROVED:

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP), through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites suppliers/manufacturers/distributors/contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the projects as stated below:

ITB No.	Item / Description	Approved Budget	Source of Funds
2005-317	1 lot Supply, Delivery and Installation of Systems Furniture at LANDBANK West Avenue Office Building	P 5,218,000.00	LBP Funds
2005-320	1 lot Supply of Technical Supervision, Labor, Materials, Tools and Equipment for the Dismantling of existing dilapidated steel matting and angular steel frames to be replaced/installed with new stainless steel matting, frames and anchor bolts, etc. (as air vents of cooling tower) located at Helipad of LANDBANK Plaza Headquarters, Malate, Manila.	2,450,000.00	LBP Funds

Prospective bidders should have experience in undertaking a similar project within the last two (2) years with an amount of at least 50% of the proposed project for bidding. The Eligibility Check/Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids shall use non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria. Post qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

Bidding for the above requirements are scheduled on November 30, 2005 at 1:00 PM and pertinent Bid Documents may be obtained from the Procurement Division of the General Services Department, 25th Floor, LANDBANK Plaza, M. H. del Pilar corner Dr. Quintos Streets, Malate, Manila, **upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P1,000.00 for each ITB.**

Interested suppliers are requested to attend the Pre-Bid Conference scheduled on **November 17, 2005** at the 25th Floor, Conference Room, LANDBANK Plaza, Malate, Manila.

All particulars relative to **Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding Conference(s), Evaluation of Bids, Post Qualification and Award of Contract** shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of **RA 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).**

LANDBANK reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to declare the bidding a failure or waive any required formality therein and to make an award to the bidder whose bid is most advantageous to the Bank.

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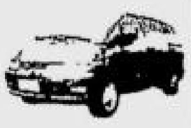

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Forms and further information may be obtained from the Committee's Executive Officer, Ms. Crisanta F. Reyes, Administrative Services Department, Room 105, Ground Floor, 5-Storey Building, BSP, A. Mabini cor. P. Ocampo Sr. Streets, Malate, Manila, Telephone No. 525-8161.

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Interment will be on Wednesday, November 16 at the Agoo Municipal Cemetery after the 10 a.m. Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of Charity.

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"...absent from the body to be present with the Lord."
2 Corinthians 5:8

Message of Thanks

We, the family of the late

JUSTICE RICARDO P. GALVEZ

July 31, 1933 – November 2, 2005

and the lawyers and staff of

TAN ACUT & LOPEZ Law Offices,

wish to express our heartfelt gratitude and sincerest appreciation to all those who offered Masses and prayers, sent flowers and messages of sympathy, and who, in countless ways, condoled with and comforted us in our hour of bereavement.

In Memory of Our Beloved

Soledad "Choleng" de la Torre Gonzales

who went home to be with the Lord on November 12, 2005 at the age of 86.

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whose life has touched the lives of her family and friends.

Her remains lie in state at their residence at 105 Valencia St., Puerto Princesa City. Interment will be on Wednesday, November 16, 2005 at 2:00 P.M.

"Only one life t'will soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last."

Sarkies V. Carapiet

Died peacefully in the Grace of Our Lord on November 10, 2005 at the age of 88.

Beloved and a loving husband to wife, **Delia Palenzuela**, children: **Sarkies Miguel, Jr.** (+), **Tigran Enrique** (+), **Aram Ramon** and **Stephan Martin "Macky"** and **Maricon Favis & Roslu v. Kauffmann**; grandchildren: **Ivan Daniel, Axel Enrique, Stephanie Marie "Tiffany," Mickael Martin "Mika,"** sister: **Hasmick Garakhanian** (USA), brothers & sisters-in-law: **Ofelia P. & Federico Barrera; Nydia P. & Luis Santisteban; Enrique & Amparo del Rosario; Diana P. & Herman Plautz; Humberto** (+) **& Rosario Locsin** (+); **Lino & Janice Williams** (+); **Margot & Neil**; nephews, nieces and other relatives request for prayers for his eternal repose.

The wake will be at the Capilla de San Francisco on Wednesday, November 16, 2005 and the **Funeral Mass** will be on Thursday, November 17, 2005, 9:30 AM at Sanctuario De San Antonio, Forbes Park.

Burial follows immediately.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the poor.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."
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(May 8, 1921 – November 15, 2004)

From your beloved children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Masses will be held at the following churches:

CHURCHES	LOCATION	DATE & TIME
Holy Rosary Parish	Angeles City	Nov. 15 - 8:30 AM
Metropolitan Cathedral	San Fernando, Pampanga	Nov. 15 - 8:30 AM
Carmelite Monastery	Angeles City	Nov. 15 - 6:00 AM
Bahay Pag-Ibig House of Prayer	Telebastagan San Fernando, Pampanga	Nov. 13 - 9:30 AM
Immaculate Conception Parish	Guagua, Pampanga	Nov. 15 - 10:00 AM
Sta. Rita Parish	Sta. Rita, Pampanga	Nov. 15 - 5:30 AM
St. James the Apostle	Betis, Guagua, Pampanga	Nov. 15 - 6:10 AM
Sacred Heart Chapel	Angeles City	Nov. 15 - 6:15 AM
External Gift Memorial Park	Guagua, Pampanga	Nov. 15 - 7:00 AM
Santuario de San Jose	Greenhills, San Juan	Nov. 15 - 6:15 AM
Cardinal Santos Hospital Chapel	Greenhills, San Juan	Nov. 15 - 6:00 AM
Mary the Queen	Greenhills, San Juan	Nov. 15 - 6:00 AM

Conchita Dionisio Salvatera

Beloved wife of deceased Judge Honorio Salvatera of Claveria, Cagayan

Born – Pulilan, Bulacan, September 19, 1920 – November 12, 2005

Children – **Cesong & Bonet, Nory & Lillian, Eva & Joe, Fely & Pol, Norma, Nestor** (Deceased), **Monica, Bernadette, Marites-Ed, Walter-Rose.**

Funeraria Paz, Araneta Ave., Quezon City (Superior Room) Mass every night at 7:30 P.M. Tel. No. 749-3806 to 11 Local 139.

Interment will be on Thursday, November 17, 2005,
Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina

Funeraria Paz – 11:00 a.m. (Blessing & Eulogy)
St. Peter Church – Commonwealth Ave., Quezon City, 1:00 p.m. Mass

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Elysium Gardens Columbarium soft opening

ELYSIUM GARDENS COLUMBARIUM ANNOUNCES ITS soft opening on Nov.16, 4:30 pm at 277 E. Rodriguez Sr. Avenue Quezon City just beside Trinity College and St. Luke's Medical Hospital.

A mass will be celebrated at the memorial plaza fountain followed by a presentation of the completed project. Cocktail will follow afterwards.

For inquiries please contact the marketing office at telephone numbers 723-6494; 723-7651; 414-2559 and 410-5398 or any of accredited brokers.

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OBITUARY REQUIREMENTS:
❶ Copy of Death Certificate;
❷ Any identification document (I.D.)

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TM gives power to the Pinoy worker via Trabaho Expo

THOUSANDS OF JOB SEEKERS from all over Metro Manila recently trooped to the TM Trabaho Expo at the SSS Livelihood Center, East Avenue, Quezon City. The 3-day job fair was a project of TM (formerly Touch Mobile) as part of its efforts to empower the Pinoy blue collar workers and to help improve the labor situation in the country. Held in cooperation with various government agencies, TM Trabaho Expo successfully brought together prospective employers and eligible job hunters in a productive expo.

Nearly 3,000 job seekers applied for the local and international job openings made available at the expo. Aside from professional, skilled and non-skilled job postings, other livelihood opportunities such as micro-entrepreneurship and part-time businesses were also made available to the participants. Hundreds of applicants were elated upon being hired on the spot while another 2,000 qualified applicants are awaiting further interview from various prospective employers.

TM also provided relevant activities designed to help job seekers in finding and maintaining their jobs. These included free seminars and workshops on job interviews, employee rights, and orientations on overseas employment and the fast-growing call-center industry.

Representatives from related government agencies like the Social Security System (SSS), the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) and PAG-IBIG Fund were also there to help the job applicants process their requirements. TM also arranged a seminar for applicants to directly inquire about their membership and details such as how to avail of the various benefits and entitlements.

"We are elated with the huge turnout of job applicants and employers at the TM Trabaho Expo", said TM head Nonie Busuego. "We take this initial success as an inspiration to continue to provide employment assistance and livelihood training so as to help empower our subscribers," Busuego noted.

TM subscribers who missed the TM Trabaho Expo may still look for job openings daily by texting "TRABAHO" and send to 2864. For just P1, they will receive a long list of job openings from various local and international employers.

Several local and international job openings were available for the taking at the recent TM Trabaho Expo held at the SSS Livelihood Center in Quezon City.

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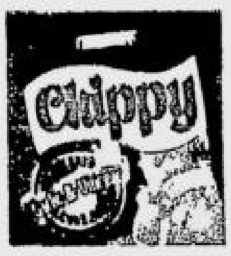
Committed towards an informed and educated Pinoy youth, the Philippine Daily Inquirer together with GMA 7 agreed to work together for the Inquirer Seminar Series 2005, Superfest: Celebrating Pinoy Youth Breakthroughs. The seminar aims to increase youth awareness on various issues and presents a platform where the youth can discuss current concerns with various leaders and opinion makers. This years' seminar speakers were Sen. Francis Pangilinan, Sen. Edgardo Angara, Hans Lopez-Vito of McCann Erickson, Jiggy Manicad of GMA 7, Sen. Manuel Roxas III, Lourd De Veyra of Radioactive Sago Project, Emil Flores of UP, and Conrado de Quiros of the Inquirer. Shown in photo during the signing of the memorandum of understanding are (from left): Felipe Gozon, chair and president of GMA 7, Alexandra Prieto-Romualdez, president and CEO of Philippine Daily Inquirer and Butch Raquel, OIC-corporate communications of GMA 7.

ProductFILES

The ultimate drying towel

MICROTEX ELITE IS THE ULTIMATE DRYING towel perfect for cleaning and absorbing. The Elite towels can hold more water than any other cloth due to its waffle weave, tufted structure. The waffle pattern creates a pocket absorbing water from multiple surfaces. No other towel can dry surfaces better, faster and safer than Microtex Elite. It is available at Ace Hardware and major dealers nationwide. For more information on Microtex Ultra and other Microtex products, email: halden_microtex@emailaccount.com.

A new treat for fun moments with barkada



CHIPPY, EVERYone's favorite corn chips from Jack 'n Jill, now gives you a spicier, tastier reason to enjoy these all-time-favorite chips even more: Chippy Garlic & Vinegar. Packed in vibrant green pouches, this new snack treat bursts with the spicy goodness of two favorite Pinoy flavors. Chippy Garlic & Vinegar is best enjoyed during fun moments with your barkada. So make sure you always have a stash of this tasty treat when you're hanging out and having fun. Chippy Garlic & Vinegar is available in sari-sari stores and supermarkets nationwide.

ICA hosts 'dICAda 80'

"DICADA 80", THE IMMACULATE CONCEPtion Academy class of 1980's silver jubilee celebration, will be held on Nov. 19. A world-class grand fireworks display will be followed by a buffet dinner and a show hosted by the cast of "Eat Bulaga", with a live performance by Hale. Get the chance to win fabulous prizes, including cash and appliances. Tickets at P500 now available from the ICA Alumnae Office. Call 721-2687, or Annabelle Yu-Yong (0917-8881128), Fifi Tiu-Lao (531-1302) or Christine Tang-So (0917-8391763). Registration starts at 3 p.m. at the Delia Tetrault Arts and Sports Center at ICA Greenhills. Proceeds from the affair will go to the ICA Student Scholarship Fund.

AHS Batch '71 party

ARAULLO HIGH SCHOOL BATCH '71 IS organizing a Christmas party on Dec. 16, 5 p.m. at the La Corona Hotel, MH del Pilar Street, Ermita, Manila. Get to meet your high school classmates and friends in a fun-filled party. To join, call Blesilda Camacho-de Guzman at 632-6031; Susan N. Pasia at 927-4342; Beth Andres at 897-4798; Myra Guiking-Mendoza at 894-9406; and Lynnette Bernardo-Monillas at 400-7261.

UST Law Alumni reunion

THE UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS (UST) Law Alumni Foundation Inc will hold its 271st foundation anniversary and reunion on Nov. 19, 6:30 p.m. at the Hotel Intercontinental Manila, Makati City. Alumni president Raul Corro and steering committee chair retired justice Bernardo Abesamis said this year's theme is "Thomasian in Search of Truth". The event will be preceded by a mass at 6:30 p.m. The Faculty of Civil Law Alumni Association Board of Trustees urged all alumni to attend the annual reunion and homecoming which will be headed by its jubilarians: Golden 1955, Ruby 1965, Coral 1970, Silver 1980 and Tin 1995. For more details, contact lawyer Corro or Portia Andres at 543-0760 or 862-2576.

Ateneo concert

ATENEO DE MANILA COLLEGE BATCH '80 presents the "Win or Lose It's the Concert We Choose" Concert Part 2 featuring Hale, Silk and Sugar Free on Nov. 27, 7:30 p.m. at the Ateneo High School Covered Court. This is for the benefit of the Ateneo Scholarship Fund. Tickets are available at P200 and P500 at the Ateneo Alumni Office, Loyola Heights or at the Ateneo at Rockwell. For more information, call Jeng Manglallan at 426-6081 to 82 or Chie Mejia at 426-0410 or 12.

Healing explosion

THE BUKLOD NG PAG-IBIG COMMUNITY marks its 33rd foundation with a Healing Explosion. Among the priests who have accepted the invitation of Buklod are: Father Eli Mata, SVD; Father Larry Faraon, OP; Father Mari Arokiam, a healing priest from Malaysia; and Father Cris Cordero, SVD. Father Corsie Legaspi will celebrate mass and anoint the sick at the Buklod Center on Nov. 17 from 1 to 6 p.m. On Nov. 15, it will be Father Joey Faller who will celebrate Mass and preside at the healing session also at the BNP Center from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The public is invited to join these Catholic Charismatic activities at the Buklod ng Pag-Ibig Healing Center, 97 Balete Drive Extension in New Manila. Call 724-7534 and 724-7546.

Manila Miracle Revival

IN 1975, RONY TAN, THE FOUNDER AND senior pastor of Lighthouse Evangelism, Singapore, was stricken with a mysterious stomach ailment and was destined to die. So from his deathbed he offered a simple prayer, asking God to either heal him instantly or else take him home immediately. God literally raised His servant up from the deathbed. Keeping his promise to God for that miraculous touch, Pastor Rony has been sharing the message that Jesus Christ saves, heals and delivers. On Nov. 16 to 19, from 5 to 9 p.m., Pastor Rony Tan is conducting a 4-night Manila Miracle Revival at the Cuneta Astrodome.

Easytrip to launch interoperable E-pass

EASYTRIP SERVICES CORP WILL LAUNCH and demonstrate the Easytrip Pass at 6 p.m. on Nov. 15, at the Crowne Plaza hotel on ADB Avenue, Pasig City. The Easytrip Pass is the first interoperable electronic toll collection (ETC) system in the country that will effect a smoother flow of traffic in both the North (NLEX) and South Luzon Expressways (SLEX). In the long term, Easytrip Pass will also provide value added services to tollway users to enable them to use their electronic tags for multiple applications such as parking entry, village entry, fast food drive-through convenience and the purchase of gasoline for their vehicles.

'Dakila Ka' search

DAKILA KA, A SEARCH FOR OUTSTANDING health professionals who have distinguished themselves as beacons of peace and reconciliation through outstanding health services and projects, has completed its final screening of nominees last Sept. 14 at the Herald Suites Hotel conference room in Makati. The screening committee was composed of 5 members representing the Inner Wheel Clubs of Makati, the Rotary Club of Makati south, and the Dept. of Health, all which were the organizers and authors of the search project that was launched in April this year. The final judging will take place on Nov. 15, where the finalists will be interviewed by the panel of judges at the Herald Suites, Pasong Tamo, Makati City and the winners presented on Dec. 1.

AIM golf tournament

IN CELEBRATION OF SUCCESSFUL LEAdership and lifelong fellowship, the Alumni Association of AIM will hold its 4th annual AIM Masters Invitational Golf Tournament on Nov. 25, Friday at the Riviera Golf and Country Club. Open to both AIM alumni and non-AIM alumni golfers, this event hosts a variety of participants from AAAIM members, AIM faculty, and guests from Harvard, Wharton, and other Ivy League schools. It's going to be a fun-filled day at the AIM Masters Invitational Golf Tournament. Up for grabs are awesome prizes from Callaway Golf, domestic round trip tickets from Cebu Pacific, and a special hole-in-one prize courtesy of BMW. Those interested may contact the AAAIM at 750-6575 or 892-4011 local 2103-2106. Visit the website at www.aimalumniphil.org for details.

NEHS centennial

THE NUEVA ECIJA HIGH SCHOOL, ESTABlished in 1905 in San Isidro, then the capital of Nueva Ecija was known to be the First Public High School established outside of Manila. As part of the NEHS centennial celebration, a grand reunion of all alumni shall be held at the NEHS school campus in Cabantuan City on Nov. 30, to be hosted by the golden jubilarian batch of 1955 led by class president Benjamin Tumangan with Amb. Sydfrey Ordonez as the guest speaker. On Saturday, Dec. 3, the NEHS Alumni Association led by president lawyer Tino Atraje, and advisers Dr. Pat Viloria and Dr. Daminana Eugenio shall host a centennial dinner for all outstanding and living alumni at the Bonsai Garden, U.P. Campus, Diliman, Q.C.

Trabaho Tomasino 2005

THE UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS Tourism and HRM Alumni Association (UST-THAA), in cooperation with Honors Inc, The Reunion Managers, presents the first Trabaho Tomasino 2005 on Nov. 24 to 25, at the UST Education Building, España, Manila. This very first job fair is one of the homecoming activities of the association and is expected to draw up participation from over 5,000 highly motivated professionals, job seekers, graduating students and alumni from the College of Education particularly Tourism and HRM Departments. For more details, contact Honors Inc, The Reunion Managers at 635-2982 or UST College of Education Faculty Room 731-732 and look for Win Medina (0916-2382497).

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See print ads and flyers for complete details.

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Promo runs from July 17 to December 3, 2005.
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QUOTA INT'L, ANG4 STAGE BENEFIT SHOW

Quota Int'l of Manila South proudly presents A 'Quota' Evening with the Angfourgettables, a benefit concert to be held on Nov. 18, at the Wack-Wack Golf and Country Club, Mandaluyong City. Established in February 27, 1993, Quota Int'l of Manila South has spearheaded various socio-civic outreach projects such as medical missions, scholarship assistance, legal advocacy campaigns, an ambulatory room at PGH for chemotherapy treatments of children and constructed a Community Rehabilitation Center for the Disabled in Morong, Rizal. Photo shows (front row, seated from left): club secretary Carla de Castro, club secretary Chat Scheyer, past district governor Susan Miranda and immediate past district governor Marilou del Rosario; (second row, seated, from left): Isay Alvarez, club president Dory Ripalda, Pinky Marquez and project committee chair Marot Fernandez; (standing, from left): Ninee Andrews, Irene Hunziker, immediate past president Cosette de Castro, Bimbo Cerrudo, Ronnie Henares, Maria Nicandro, club treasurer Yeyeng Esguerra, past president Emilie Simon, Cathy Christen, Dyords Javier, Lexy Niederer and past district secretary/treasurer Buchay Africa.

NATIONAL ORATORICAL CONTEST CHAMP

Jazmine Ericka D.O. Nicdao of Rizal National Science High School DepEd-Rizal emerged as champion in Region IV-A Calabarzon, 2nd National Oratorical Contest held at the Multi-Purpose Hall, DepEd Region IV-A, Sept. 30. Nicdao represented the Division of Rizal in an oratorical contest with the theme, 'Modernizing Agriculture and Fisheries through Quality Statistics'. The contest aims to promote nationwide awareness and appreciation of the importance of statistics. The contest is sponsored by Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas in coordination with the Department of Education. Nicdao was fully supported by Rizal DepEd family headed by Dr. Edith Doblada, SDS (2nd from left); Dr. Teresita Paredes, (not in photo) ES-1 English ; Ma. Elena Bernardo (3rd from left) principal; Eufemia Pura, coach and RNSHS family.

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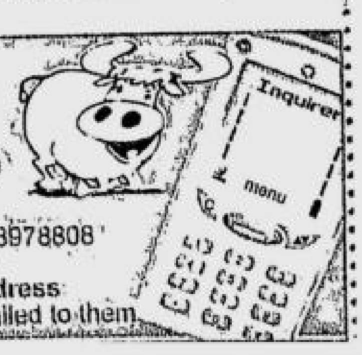

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INVITATION TO BID

FOUNDRY MACHINERIES
"AS-IS-WHERE-IS"

Location	:	Formerly Benguet Management Corporation's Foundry Brgy. San Benito, Alaminos, Laguna
Bidding period	:	November 14 – 18, 2005 November 21 – 25, 2005 November 29, 2005 9:00am Tuesday (Deadline)
Minimum Bid Price	:	Php30,000,000.00 (Thirty Million Pesos) sealed bid
Mode of Payment	:	Cash or Manager's Check

Requirements:
- 20% down payment must be included enclosed with the bid (Manager's Check) All Bids must be signed and sealed.
- Bidders must enclose together with their bid and down payment their names, address, contact number.
- A List of the machineries will be provided upon request.
- Ocular inspection will be scheduled on November 17 and 24, 2005 (Thursday), Bidders must coordinate with the contact persons below to be allowed to enter the site. **(Strict Compliance)**
- Losing bidder's down payment checks will be returned immediately
- Bids will be opened and awarded on November 29, 2005 10:00 am (Tuesday)
- Winning bidder must pay the remaining balance within 2 banking days from written notice
- Direct Buyers , Brokers accepted
- 3% commission given to brokers who will facilitate the winning bid
- All the necessary permits must be secured by the buyer
- All checks must be made payable to **Keppel Bank Philippines – Trust Banking Division**
- Bids will be coursed through:

Keppel Bank Philippines – Trust Banking Division
Unit 3D 3rd Floor Country Space 1 Building
Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City
Telephone Numbers: 892-1365 or 752-3927
c/o Mr. Michael Dennis G. Cruz

Bids will be accepted strictly from 9:00am to 5:00pm only

The Bank reserves the right to reject any or all offers, to waive any formalities therein or accept such offer as may be deemed advantageous to the Bank.

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Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

Committee on Disposal of Real Properties

INVITATION TO BID

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas invites all interested parties to bid for the following real estate properties:

	Location	TCT No. New	TCT No. Old	Area	Description	Minimum Bid Price
	LUZON					
	QUEZON CITY					
1	Capitol Golf Subd., Matandang Balara	N-275374	N-132370	396	Residential Lot	7,366,000
	BATANGAS					
	Balayan					
2	Villa San Juan Subdivision	61 lots		119 to 251 sqm	Residential Lot	P 300 to P 500/sqm
	Lipa City					
3	P. Torres St. Poblacion	T-130752	T-113468	217	Vacant comm'l Lot	3,906,000
4	P. Torres St. Poblacion	T-130753	T-110763	889	Vacant comm'l Lot	16,002,000
	Rosario					
5	Brgy. Quilib 1/	T-125122	T-89413	15,246	Agri w/poultry house	12,813,300
	BULACAN					
	Norzagaray					
6	Brgy. Minuyan	T-375331	T-160697	240	Residential	240,000
7	Brgy. Minuyan	T-375332	T-160898	240	Residential	240,000
	Sta. Maria					
8	Celeste Cmpd., Brgy. Guyong	T-387366	T-333139	658	Res'l w/270sqm Imp	1,849,000
9	Celeste Cmpd., Brgy. Guyong 1/	T-387365	T333138	400	Residential Lot	240,000
	ISABELA					
	Santiago City					
10	Lot 3-D, Brgy. Batal	T-145989	7156	5,986	Agricultural	185,800
11	Lot 3-B Brgy. Batal	T-145987	7157	5,798	Agricultural	182,700
12	Lot 10713-B-2 Brgy. Batal	T-144872	7168	10,000	Agricultural	315,000
13	Lot 1-D, Brgy. Batal	T-145983	7159	5,368	Agricultural	169,100
14	Lot 1-A, Brgy. Batal	T-145980	7160	5,200	Agricultural	163,800
	LAGUNA					
	San Pablo City					
15	L2 B9 Andal Subd. San Roque	T-54142 & 43	42191 & 92	120	Residential w/imp	1,190,000
	NUEVA ECIJA					
16	Brgy. Tabuating, Sn. Leonardo	NT-277145	228494	961	Residential lot	769,000
	Ramar Vill., San Jose City					
17	Lots 5&6 B5, Ilizorio & Mendoza Sts.	24355 & 59	21836-37	360	Res'l w/328 sqm Imp	900,000
	PANGASINAN					
	Sta. Barbara					
18	Wedgewood Heights Subd. Brgy. Minien West	389 lots		120-470sqm	Residential Lots	P 2,670 to P 5,900/sqm
	Malasique					
19	Bo. Aliaga	254325	220590	2134	RL w/1 storey Imp	85,000
	Urdaneta					
20	McArthur Hi-way, Nancayasan	254326	140984	2098	Commercial w/imp	10,490,000
	RIZAL					
	Antipolo City					
21	Sumulong Hi-way, Brgy. Dela Paz	R-11135	296670	401	Residential Lot	642,000
	San Mateo 2/					
22	Bankers Vill 5 PH-11 D, Gitnang Bayan	418093	278327	9827	Residential	6,797,000
23	80 Gen. Luna St. Gitnang Bayan	415295	257841	1,844	Res'l w/school bldgs.	17,202,000
	VISAYAS					
	AKLAN					
	Kalibo					
24	Andagao	T-33631	T-14787	272	Residential	163,000
25	New Buswang	T-33635	T-12778	200	Residential	100,000
26	Tigayon	T-33638	T-22776	3467	Agricultural	104,000
27	Linabuan Norte	T-33636	T-13948	1,331	Agricultural	67,000
28	Linabuan Norte	T-33637	T-13949	4,339	Agricultural	463,000
	Banga					
29	Polocate	T-33632	T-9079	4,340	Agricultural	108,500
30	Polocate	T-33633	T-9080	4339	Agricultural	108,500
	LEYTE					
31	La Pradera Subdivision Brgy. Tambulilid, Ormoc City	256 lots		45-254 sqm	Residential Lots	P1350 to P2,540/sqm
	MINDANAO					
	DAVAO DEL SUR					
32	Bo. Tanwalang, Padada	55556	T-45763	30,000	Agricultural	450,000

1/ Interior Lot
2/ with pending case

Deadline for submission of duly accomplished bid forms enclosed in sealed envelopes shall be on 30 November 2005, 10 AM. At Rm. 313, Five-Storey Bldg., BSP Complex, A. Mabini St. Malate, Manila. All bids will be opened immediately after the deadline for submission of bids on the 5th Flr., Executive Business Center, Five-storey Building, BSP Complex.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The Buyer is deemed to have inspected the property.
2. The sale of the properties shall be "As Is, Where is" and the winning bidder shall undertake the responsibility to acquire and maintain peaceful possession and enjoyment of the property without seeking the assistance of the BSP.
3. The BSP reserves the right to withdraw any or all of the properties offered for sale at any time before the deadline for submission of offers, and to reject any or all bids or to waive any infirmity found therein, or to accept such offers as will be considered advantageous to the BSP.
4. The Committee will immediately start accepting offers for negotiation, In the event of a failed bidding, and will continue to accept offers through the Asset Management Department. However, the Committee may at its discretion, elect to conclude the negotiation immediately after failure of bidding whenever there is a highest complying offeror ascertained.
5. Offerors at the Public Bidding must tender a BID BOND equivalent to 10% of the offered price and offerors under the negotiated sale basis must submit an EARNEST MONEY equivalent to 10% of the negotiated price either in CASH or CASHIER's/MANAGER's CHECK payable to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas which shall form part of the consideration once the offer is approved by the Monetary Board.

Complete description of the properties, rules and regulations on the bidding procedures and the prescribed bid forms are available for a minimal fee of P50.00 at the Asset Management Department, Rm. 313, Five-Storey Bldg. through the following:

	Direct Line	Trunk Line: 524-70-11
Frances Necitas Lim	536-56-36	loc. 2835
Arthur M. Montalbo	524-34-20	loc. 2381
Naida N. Santos	523-34-20	loc. 2381
Joannah T. Rosales	523-34-66	loc. 2857
Walter S. Garcia	536-56-36	loc. 2835

(Sgd.) MELPIN A. GONZAGA
Committee Chairman

(PDI–Nov. 15, 2005)

PNOC ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION PNOC

PNOC Energy Companies Bldg., Merritt Road, Fort Bonifacio, 1201 Makati City, Philippines
P.O. Box 2102 MCPO Tel. No. 893-6001/1320

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

PNOC - Energy Development Corporation (PNOC-EDC) invites interested contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the project:

RENTAL OF ONE (1) UNIT SHUTTLE BUS (AIRCON) TO FETCH/ CONDUCT LEGAZPI BASED BGPF EMPLOYEES
EDC 05-184

The Approved Budget is P3,710,000.00 chargeable against PNOC-EDC fund. The contract duration is Two (2) years.

Application Forms for Eligibility and Bid Documents may be secured from the PNOC-EDC Contracts Administration Group (c/o N.A. Nicolasora) starting **November 15, 2005** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Pesos: Two Hundred (P200.000).

For the purpose of clarifying certain issues, a pre-bid conference will be held on **December 2, 2005, 10:00 a.m.**, at Bacon-Manito Geothermal Production Field (BGPF) Admin Complex, Brgy. Tublijon, Sorsogon.

Applications for Eligibility and sealed bids shall be received by the PNOC-EDC Contracts Administration Group at PNOC-EDC, 1st Floor Bldg. 5, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City, Metro Manila, **not later than 2:00 p.m. of December 15, 2005** and shall be publicly opened immediately thereafter.

PNOC - EDC reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts thereof, to waive any informality therein, to abort the bidding process, to accept such bids or to award any part of the work to any bidder whose bid is considered most advantageous to PNOC - EDC.

BAC CHAIRMAN

(PDI--Nov. 15, 2005)

PNOC-ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION PNOC

Energy Complex, Merritt Road, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City
Tel. No. 893-1320, Local 5281

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND RE-BID

The PNOC-Energy Development Corporation is inviting all interested suppliers to apply and submit sealed bids for the supply and delivery of the following:

Close Circuit TV (CCTV) System Under GO-416138R1	**Approved Budget Php 17,022,500.00**

Eligibility forms and bidding documents shall be available for issuance at the above address c/o **Mr. Rocky M. Turingan** starting **November 08, 2005**, from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P400.00 per document.

For purposes of clarifying certain matters, a site inspection shall be held on **November 16, 2005** at Leyte Geothermal Production Field. Also, a pre-bid conference shall be held on **November 18, 2005, 2:00 p.m.** at Procurement Conference Room, 2nd Floor Building 5, Energy Complex, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City.

Applications for eligibility and sealed bids shall be submitted to, and registered with the Procurement Department at the above address, and thereafter dropped in the padlocked bid box thereat not later than **2:00 p.m. (Purchasing Office Wall Clock Time) of December 02, 2005.** Public opening of bids shall follow immediately thereafter. **Late bids shall not be accepted.**

Prospective bidders shall signify conformance to the bidding terms and conditions, as required, and shall ensure the same through proper submission/execution. Source of funding is from Internal Cash Generation of PNOC-EDC. All bids should be within the Approved Budget for the Contract in order to qualify.

PNOC-Energy Development Corporation reserves the right to annul the bidding process, to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in the bids received and to accept such bid which is most advantageous to PNOC-EDC without thereby incurring liability to the affected bidder or bidders or any obligation to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the ground(s) for PNOC-EDC's action.

Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee I

(PDI--Nov. 8 & 15, 2005)

DAR

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
Security Services

The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) intends to apply the sum of Seventeen Million Five Hundred Thirty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Pesos (P17,534,880.00) being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for Security Services. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.

The DAR, now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for 81 Security Guards including 1 Detachment Commander and 3 Shift-in-Charge/Supervisors. The Contract for Security Services shall be for a period of one (1) year (January to December 2006). The Description of an eligible Bidder is contained in the Instructions to Bidders (ITB).

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act 9184, otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act, and is restricted to Filipino citizen/sole proprietorship or organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, as specified in Republic Act 5183. Only bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in ITB. The bidder with the lowest calculated bid (LCB) shall advance to the post-qualification stage in order to finally determine his responsiveness to the technical and financial requirements of the project. The contract shall then be awarded to the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who was determined as such during the post-qualification procedure.

Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the Department of Agrarian Reforms Bids and Awards Committee (DAR-BAC) and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. starting November 9 to November 16, 2005.

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by Interested Bidders from the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee in the amount of P7,000.00. The method of payment will be in the form cash. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative.

The DAR-BAC will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on November 21, 2005 10:00 a.m. at HRD Training Center, DAR Compound, Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City.

Bids and eligibility requirements must be delivered to the address below on or before November 28, 2005 10:00 a.m. Late Bids shall not be accepted. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in either of the following form and amount:

Form of Security	Required Amount in Percent of ABC)
Cash, Cashier's Check, Manager's Check or Bank Draft	One percent (1%)
Bank Guarantee	One and a half percent (1.5%)
GSIS Surety Bond	Two and a half percent (2.5%)

Bid opening shall be on November 28, 2005 10:00 A.M. Bids will be opened in the presence of Bidder's representatives who choose to attend the opening of Bids.

The DAR-BAC reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

Department of Agrarian Reform
Bids and Awards Committee Secretariat
Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City
Tel. No.: 9261891; 9287031; local 511 or 520
Telefax: 9269866

(Sgd.) ATTY. NESTOR R. ACOSTA, CESO II
Undersecretary, PPLAO
Chairman, BAC

(PDI – November 9 & 15, 2005)

DAR

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
Janitorial Services

The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), intends to apply the sum of Eleven Million Three Hundred Thousand Pesos (P11,300,000.00) being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for Janitorial Services. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.

The DAR now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Janitorial Manpower of three (3) Supervisors and seventy-eight (78) Janitors. The Contract for Janitorial Services shall be for a good period of one (1) year (January to December 2006). The description of an eligible Bidder is contained in the Instruction to Bidders (ITB).

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act 9184, otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act, and is restricted to Filipino citizen/sole proprietorship or organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, as specified in Republic Act 5183. Only bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in ITB. The bidder with the lowest calculated bid (LCB) shall advance to the post-qualification stage in order to finally determine his responsiveness to the technical and financial requirements of the project. The contract shall then be awarded to the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who was determined as such during the post-qualification procedure.

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Agri posts 2% growth in Q3

Fishery, livestock sectors continue to be growth drivers

By Christine A. Gaylican

THE COUNTRY'S AGRICULTURE OUTPUT grew 2.08 percent from July to September this year, the government yesterday said.

Agriculture output accounts for a fifth of the country's gross domestic product (GDP).

The fishery and livestock sectors continue to be the growth drivers, posting during the third quarter increases of 2 percent and 1.7 percent respectively, according to Romeo Recide, director of the Bureau of Agricultural Statistics of the Department of Agriculture.

The livestock and poultry sectors account for 14 percent and 15 percent of the total agricultural yield.

From January to September, the agriculture sector recorded a cumulative growth rate of 1.7 percent, Recide said.

Recide said that the country's agricultural production would have been better if not for the slump in the crops sub-sector, which normally accounted for 46 percent of the total growth rate.

The decline in the production of rice and corn persisted in the nine months of the year, as the palay and corn sub-sectors dropped by 2.34 percent and 2.31 percent, respectively.

"This was still a carryover of the long drought and weather disturbances that affected our harvests," Recide explained.

Palay production from January to September recorded a negative growth rate during the period to 8,702 metric tons as compared to the 8, 910 metric tons recorded last year. Corn production, on the other hand, also dropped by 2.31 percent to 4,175 metric tons as against the 4,274 metric tons posted last year.

Agriculture Secretary Domingo Panganiban, however, said that the agency is still batting for a 3-percent full-year target as the main harvests in the last quarter may create a positive impact.

"We would still maintain our growth targets," Panganiban said. "The 14.7 million metric tons of rice production target by year-end may still be achieved as we provide an P80-million budget for a quick turn-around program, especially for rice and corn production."

He added that the improving weather forecast in the last quarter will bode well for the agriculture sector.

"We could still catch up by the second semester, the period when the biggest crop harvests usually are produced," he said. *With a report from Reuters*

RP seen to stay on CalPERS' investment list

Elizabeth L. Sanchez

THE PHILIPPINES IN 2006 STANDS A GOOD chance of staying on the list of investment sites of America's biggest pension fund, the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS), according to market officials.

Willie L. Brown, Jr., former mayor of San Francisco and a former official of CalPERS, yesterday met with reporters and officials of the Philippine Stock Exchange and expressed his optimism that CalPERS would still consider the Philippines an "appropriate investment opportunity."

"I think all of the decisions that your stock exchange is making, the individuals in government with the responsibility to manage the economy of the country ... the kind of decisions that they have been making ... they are all consistent with the kinds of things that make the Philippines ... an appropriate investment opportunity," Brown told reporters during his visit at the PSE Plaza on Ayala Avenue.

Aside from serving two consecutive terms as San Francisco mayor, Brown championed the Philippines' cause when he was part of the Board of Administration of CalPERS, serving as chair of three committees of the pension fund: Investment, Finance and Performance and Compensation.

PSE president Francis Ed. Lim also said he was positive that the Philippines will get a passing grade on the issue of creditor's rights, after one of CalPERS' sub-consultants, Oxford Analytica, met with officials of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the PSE last week.

Lim said that the Philippines was previously given a "zero" or failing mark by CalPERS on creditor's rights. The US pension fund mistakenly assumed that the Philippines did not give any priority to secured creditors whenever a debtor company goes bankrupt.

This time, Lim said, the Philippines is gunning for a passing mark of at least 1.0.

"We have a good chance on creditor's rights," he said.

Also, the San Francisco-Manila Sister City Committee (SFMSCC) said the country's economic performance the past few years has been "excellent," with politics providing the occasional cloud.

The committee is part of the office of the Mayor of San Francisco and is composed of public officials, business leaders and professionals who have ties to the Philippines.

"The Filipino-American community is playing an instrumental role, and we are cognizant of what is happening in the Philippines," said E.Dennis Normandy, chair of SFMSCC. "But what is ironic is, if you look at the numbers on the Philippine economy today, they are nothing short of excellent. It is ironic that what gets in the way is the political agenda of some people who are not seeing the bigger picture in terms of benefits to the entire country. When we just isolate ourselves and depend on foreign coverage, it is very easy to be misled."

CalPERS has $172 billion in assets, of which an estimated $85 million is invested in Philippine companies like blue-chipped San Miguel Corp and Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co.

Oxford Analytica, meanwhile is one of the subcontractors of CalPERS' main consultant, Wilshire Associates, which visited the Philippines last week as part of CalPERS' review for 2006.

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BABY SOUNDS. The 3-D/4-D Ultrasound at the Asian Hospital's Center for Women's Health gives high-resolution photos and videos of the baby inside the womb.

New centers for skincare and women's needs

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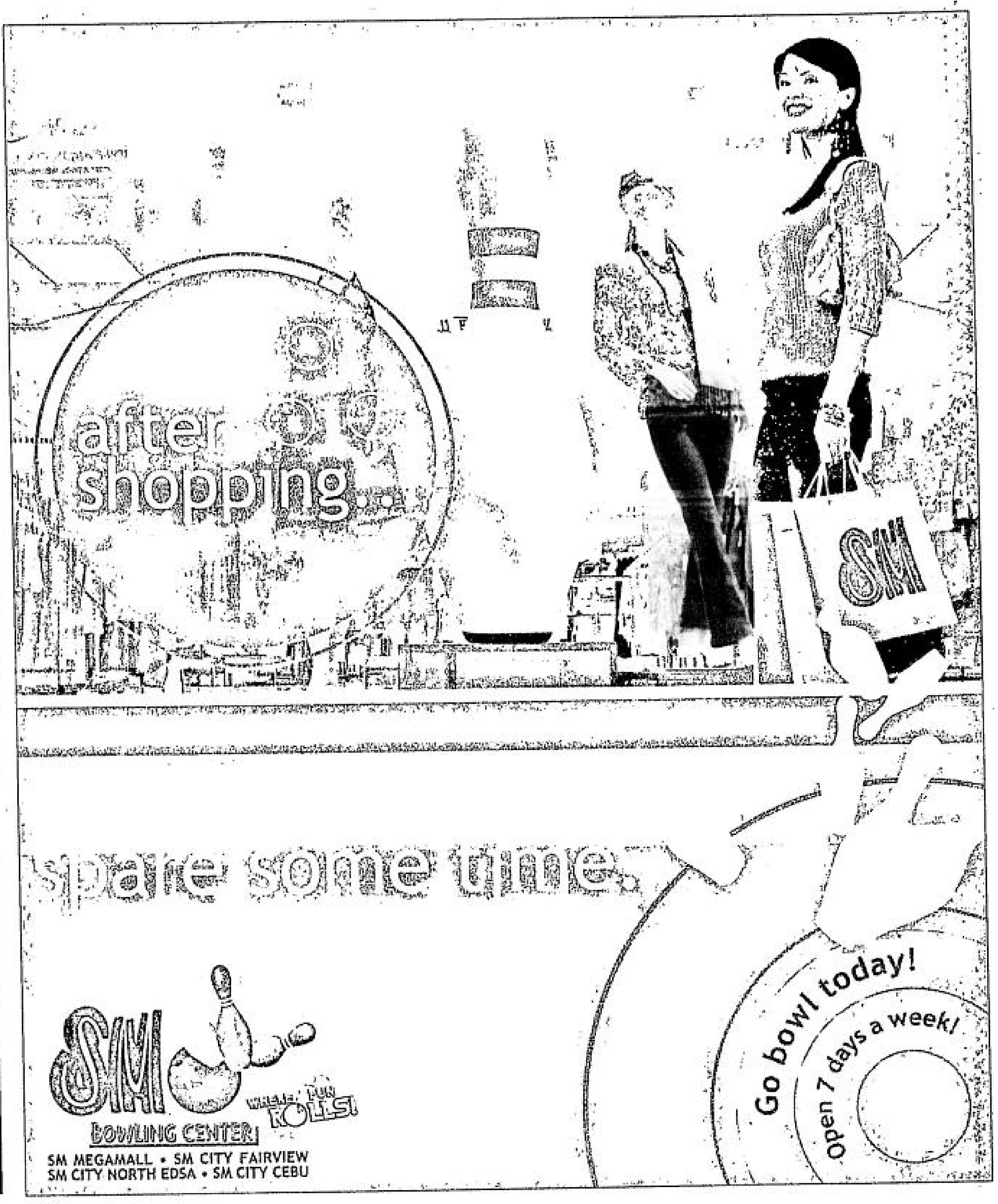

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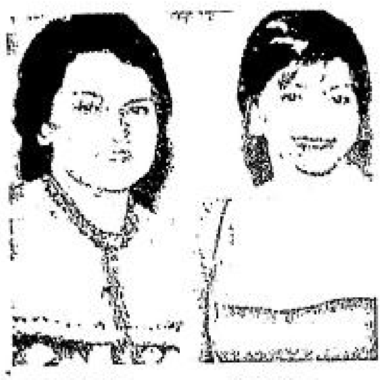
THE CELEBRATOR'S CLOSE GANG: (seated) Karen Macasaet, popular Sen. Loi Ejercito, Queen of the jewelry brigade Liding Oledan, and lady of ladies Justa Tantoco; adorable Chit Salud, Fe Ng, birthday boy Bobby Novenario, Susan Laudico, Fanny Blanco, Brenda Reyes, Carrie Bautista and Tereret Tambunting Liboro

ASIA'S fashion czar Pitoy Moreno, Bobby Novenario, architect Gerry Contreras and *palangga* Johnny Litton

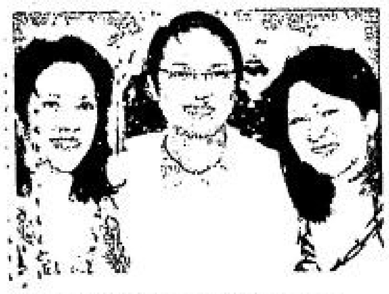
Five food stations but please omit gifts



YAYING Dragon and Emily Lopez

OLD-WEALTH society couple. Menchu de las Alas and husband Raul Concepcion

SUPER pals Ina Dizon and Ana Oledan



SOCIALITE Marvi Cojuangco Yulo, Alex Pineda and Cinderella's Therese Santos

BONG Suntay, fab caterer Arlene Arce and husband Rudy A.

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache

Photos by Alex Van Hagen using **Kodak** EasyShare system

RENOWNED COUTURIER **Bobby R. Novenario** hosted his birthday-thanksgiving dinner party at his mansion in chic-ky North Forbes Park, *palanggas*.

Bobby, definitely a perfect host, paid special attention to the dinner menu, which was served in five food stations around his sprawling garden. The seafood heaven served lobsters, crabs and prawns prepared by his *tres* special guest, fashionable Filipino billionaire, **Estrella Linch**, who jetted in from tra-la-la-la Los Angeles together with **Lolit Brodie**. **Alex Pineda** did the beautiful party décor. **Arlene Arce** and **Katrina Kuhn** catered the other food stations that included a carving station for roast beef flown in from the US and everyone's favorite *lechon*.

There was a Japanese station, and a Spanish station; plus the array of to-die-for calorific desserts made by pals like **Justa Tantoco**, **Ching Cruz** and Katrina Kuhn. Zen-inspired floral and foliage décor was placed at each of the food station and tables done by **Ramon Pastor**. Superb Arlene Arce brought out all her best linen, tableware and silver for this grand occasion. Tons of Bobby's pals flew in from abroad, like statuesque headturner couple **Susan** and **Herbert Sossna** from Macău.

A Mass got the affair on the roll, *palanggas*, officiated by LA-based Fr. **Engelbert Gammad**, together with Fr. **Pol Juacian**, SVD provincial superior; Fr. **Jerome Marquez**, SVD and Fr. **Tony Lazaro**, OFM. The chi-chi invitees didn't come in carrying gifts for the celebrator but instead, as requested by Bobby, had cash or check ready for donation to the Arnold Janssen Mission Foundation, where Bobby is vice-chair of the board of trustees.

Youth development

One *famille* that stands out as achiever, *palanggas*, are the Cos, whose main man, hotshot **Alexander Co**, has earned the title of "Cosmetics Distribution Czar."

Tres charmante **Juanita Co** is forever entertaining their invitees together with their brilliant children, **Alex Janssen** and **Hennie**, both Canadian bred and schooled no less, dahlings.

The Co famille is behind Cosmetique Asia, which just happens to be the maker of the popular Silka Papaya soap. They were quick to point out to me that their "cosmetic lines are not products that will make you beautiful to begin with. . . Silka products help enhance and bring out what is already beautiful and make it strikingly beautiful."

Cosmetique Asia took this vision further by forging a partnership with the Department of Education (DepEd) and **Mary Lindbert** for a comprehensive school program for personality development and good grooming called "Silka Steps to a Beautiful You."

The chic Mandarin Oriental Hotel Manila was the place for this program's memorandum of agreement signing and formal launch. The Co *famille* came in full force with their rah-rah officers and staff. And so did the DepEd dignitaries led by assistant secretary **Ted Catindig**, who came armed with his wit and humor, plus his DepEd regional directors.

This cool program is sooo timely and totally positive. It helps the youth, especially those in public schools, to boost their confidence so they can make the most of every opportunity that comes their way. What is awesome is that it will also complement and assist the teachers with knowledge and skills to develop and improve their personalities as well.

Winning viewpoints

Hey, some real hot business executives and shutterbugs took a breather from the tiring and taxing life in the asphalt jungle and hiked the rugged topography of the 342-ha Las Haciendas Resort Farm in Laurel, Batangas.

Eight photography enthusiasts formed a club 77 years ago. The oldest and most prestigious photography club in the Philippines and in Asia, the Camera Club of the Philippines, with 80 professional and promising amateur photographers from various business and industries, continues its tradition of photo excursions and sessions, competitions and fellowship activities.

The excursion was part of the organization's yearly on-the-spot competition and of Las Haciendas' goal to depict the resort farm from the point of view of photographers.

First-prize winner **Billy Mondonedo** left his retail chain, Tinder Box, to experience a kind of recreation and adventure. His winning photo was "The Dream Glow Landscape."

"Nature's Theater" is second-place winner **Ricky Vasquez's** photograph which showed how close to nature the future owners will be—seeing the beauty of the waterfalls in their very own veranda.

Architect **Raffy Santos**, director of Adrianse Group, Phils., took the third prize-winning photo, "Waterfall."

Undersecretary of National Defense **Tito Santos** evoked the resort atmosphere, *palanggas*.

Executive **Richard Sycip** and entrepreneur **Philip Clayton Yu** highlighted the regal Spanish Mission style Clubhouse.

Check out this five awesome resort haciendas, the first major project of Phoenix Land Inc., barely 45 minutes from the Tagaytay rotunda.

It's all about jetting away from it all and back to nature's best, dahlings.

HEADTURNER Susan Sossna, Marietta Santos, mega businessman Herbert Sossna, Bobby Novenario and his close pal, well-loved Klaus Freund

SILKA president Alex Co hands a bouquet of flowers to DepEd Region IV assistant director Josie Tamondong, signifying the partnership between DepEd and Silka.

POPULAR power couple. Linda Legaspi and husband Albert Rosal

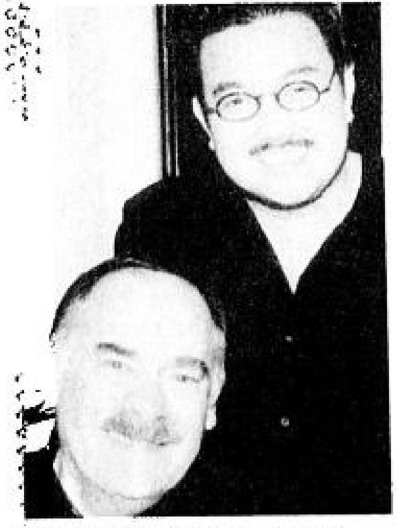
ACCESS Point CEO Bernie Domantay and chair Elvie Cifra

ALL IN THE FAMILLE: Brother and sister behind Silka, COO Jansenn Co and VP Hennie Co

DEPED Assistant Secretary Ted Catindig

JUANITA Co, Brilliant EVP of Silka

DR. Cora Santiago



BUDDIES. Businessmen Bob Miller and Ito Curata

ROMY Vinzon

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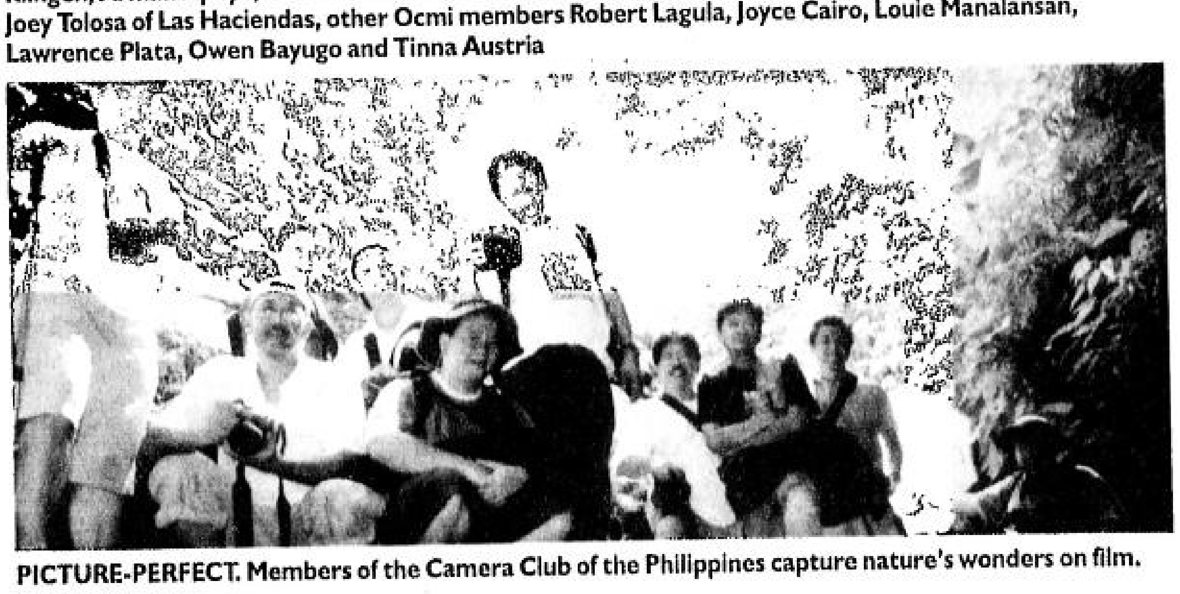
LOLIT Brodie and US-based Filipina billionaire Estrella Linch

SHUTTERBUGS in Las Haciendas Resort Farm: (standing) Marlene Santos of Las Haciendas, communications strategist Brad Geiser, Nonon Bico of Ortigas Center Mountaineers Inc. (Ocmi), Lito Quimel, Rey Ortiz, CCP president Raul Montifar, Kiko Balagtas, Raffy Santos, Manette Benitez, Leo Riingen, Arman Apuya, Gino Garbanzos, Kevin Tan and Divine Tomazar (Ocmi); Ronnie Romero (Ocmi), Joey Tolosa of Las Haciendas, other Ocmi members Robert Lagula, Joyce Cairo, Louie Manalansan, Lawrence Plata, Owen Bayugo and Tinna Austria

BOBBY N'S SUPER PALS: (seated) Ofie Recto, Menchu Concepcion, Marietta Santos and Fe Rodriguez; Cita Lesaca, Nene Leonor, Ching Cruz, Danny Dolor and Allan Tengco



PICTURE-PERFECT. Members of the Camera Club of the Philippines capture nature's wonders on film.

New centers for skincare and women's needs

RIGHT ACROSS FROM EACH other at the Asian Hospital and Medical Center (AHMC) are two new centers dedicated to women's wellness and skin health, although the latter, in this age of grooming-conscious and metrosexual men, is not exclusively for women.

PRESIDENT and CEO Pamela Robinson, chair of dermatology department Dr. Filomena Legarda-Montinola and Asian hospital medical director Dr. Antonio Rivera at the blessing of Asian Hospital's Dermatology Laser and Light Center and Center for Women's Health.

With its Center for Women's Health and its Dermatology Laser and Light Center, AHMC is a step closer to offering a complete medical package to Filipino patients, especially to women.

The Dermatology Laser and Light Center addresses a variety of skincare needs "from the petty or absurd to the extreme and even life-threatening."

The Center for Women's Health is a one-stop healthcare center which provides services from physical checkup, counseling, screening and diagnosis of pre-cancerous lesions and the latest technology in ultrasound.

"These two healthcare venues are primarily designed for patients who seek quality cosmetic and gynecological services," said Asian Hospital president and CEO Pamela Robinson.

The Center for Women's Health serves as a gynecologic screening clinic which provides cancer-screening, pap smear, colposcopy and ultrasound. It also conducts counseling for women with concerns on gynecology and other health matters.

LIGHT Sheer Diode Laser for the removal of unwanted hair around the lips, abdomen, underarms and legs

The center also has the state-of-the-art GE Voluson 730 Expert Bt '05 ultrasound machine, the first in Southeast Asia, which features real-time 3D/4D technology. This gives high-resolution photos and videos of the baby to detect any possible abnormalities within the womb. This technology is also capable of visualizing the reproductive organs for measurements, as well as cysts and tumors in the pelvic area and detecting uterine anomalies in a more accurate picture.

"The center primarily considers the early detection and diagnosis of cervical and uterine cancer. Early detection means immediate treatment and higher survival from the disease," said Dr. Teresa Tangkeko-Lopez, OB-Gyne department chair.

Not just wrinkles

The Dermatology Laser and Light Center, on the other hand, is equipped with state-of-the-art laser equipment to treat various skin-related complaints. It offers complete cosmetic solutions to common problems.

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"Now there's no need to leave the country to seek laser treatment," said Dr. Filomena Legarda-Montinola, chair of the dermatology department.

With the opening of two new medical facilities at Asian Hospital, major healthcare services may be completely availed by its patients with the highest quality and standards.

Nastasha Isobel B. Verayo

'Bringing up baby' forum

BABYLAND MARKS ITS 35TH year with a three-day celebration from Nov. 17-19, at the Glorietta 2 Atrium, Ayala Center, Makati.

With the theme "Nurturing Your Child—Our Hope for Tomorrow," the event will feature speakers on breastfeeding, child nutrition, Lamaze and parenting. The forum on Nov. 19 will be moderated by TV personality and new mom Christine Bersola-Babao.

Speakers include Chiqui Brosas-Hahn, Dr. Elvira Henares-Esguerra, Nona Andaya-Castillo, Iza Bungubung, Eric Altamirano and Paolo Punzalan.

Hahn is the leading authority on the Lamaze childbirth method and the only accredited Bradley Method teacher in the country. Esguerra and Castillo are both International Board-certified lactation consultants. Bungubung, Binibining Pilipinas 2002 finalist who is now the mother to 17-month-old son Joaquin, is organizer of a photo exhibit for Unicef in support of the organization's breastfeeding campaign. Altamirano, professional basketball coach, is a frequent resource speaker on parenting. Children's pastor Paolo Punzalan is a guidance counselor at Victory Christian School and a faculty of Every Nation Leadership Institute School of Leadership.

Another highlight of the event is the "My Parent & Me" photo exhibit, a feature of which is an on-the-spot photo shoot of lucky parents and their babies and the instant printing of their photos.

The event is sponsored by Kameraworld, Gymboree, Philips, Oral-B, Time-Life, Brainy Baby, Tropicana, Fuego Hotels, Salon de Manila, Safe Security Systems Inc. and ABS-CBN.

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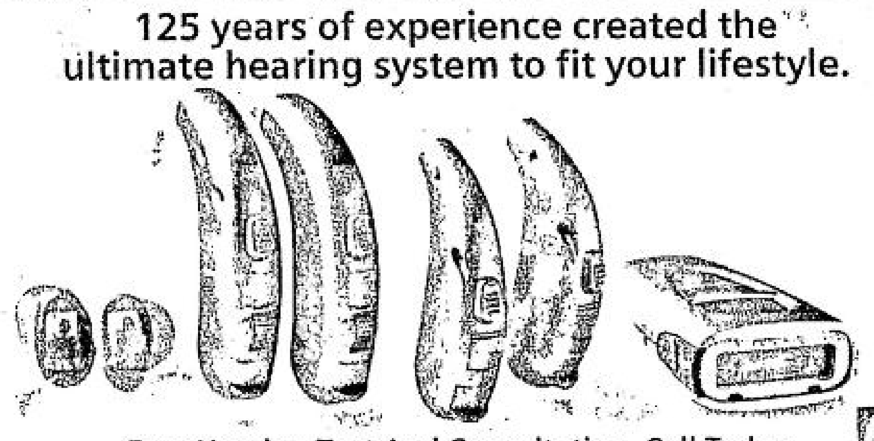

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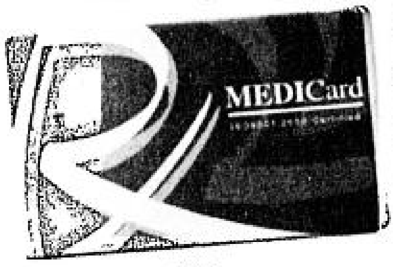

This week's answer to our feature question was provided by our medical service provider from Garcia General Hospital in Marikina City, Dr. Tomas P. Lazatin Jr. Dr Tom, as he commonly addressed by his patients, is specializes in IM-Endocrinology and has been in practice for 3 years now. He finished his medical degree from Angeles University Foundation and followed by his residency training for Internal Medicine from Quirino Memorial Medical Center. He later took his subspecialization training in Endocrinology from St. Luke's Medical Center in 2001. Dr. Lazatin is a fellow of the Philippine College of Physicians and a member of the Philippine Diabetes Association. He is married to Dr. Erlana I. Lazatin and blessed with 2 kids.

MEDICard members may visit him for consultation services at Garcia General Hospital at Clinic 1, Mondays to Fridays from 10:00 am to 12noon.

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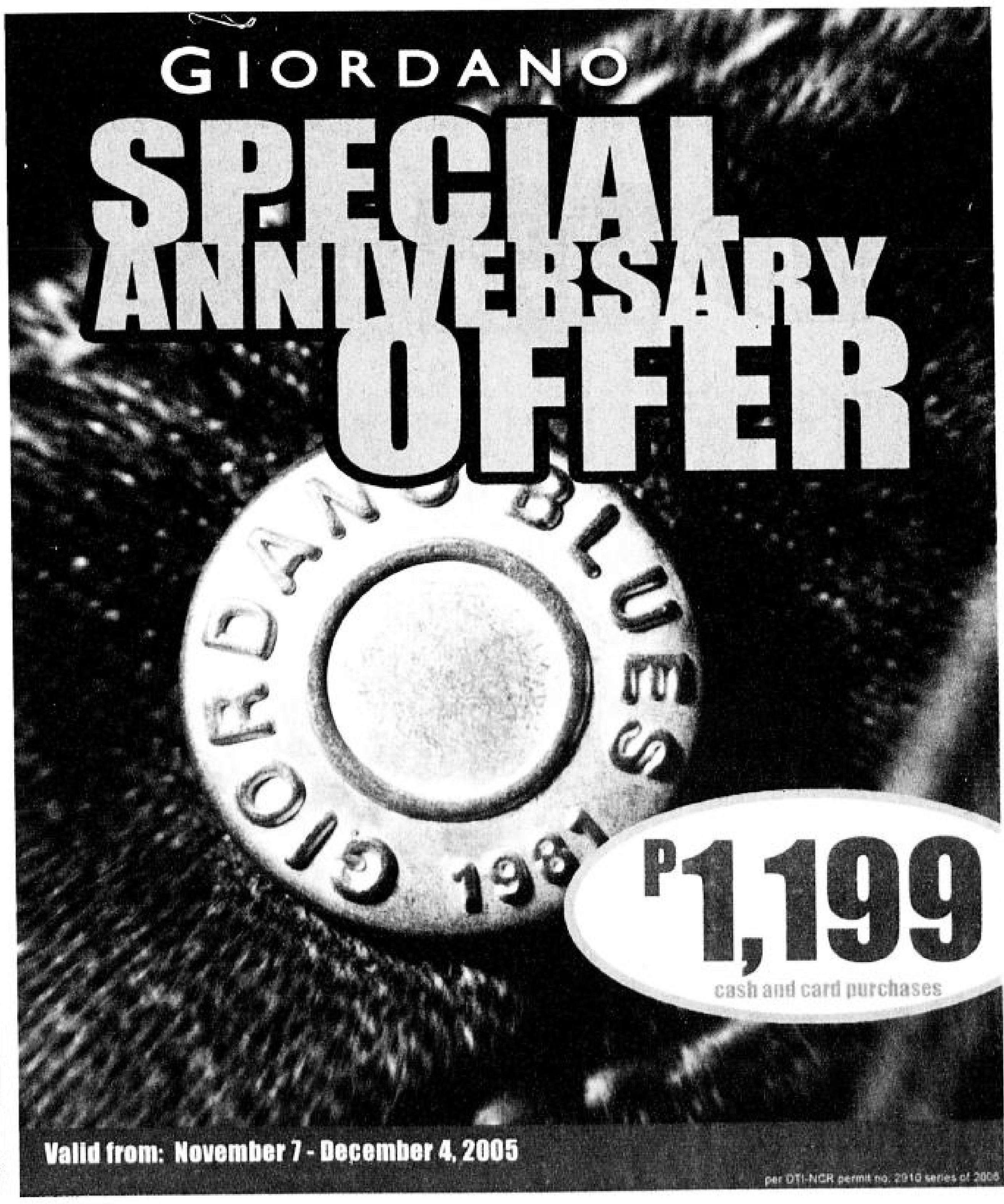
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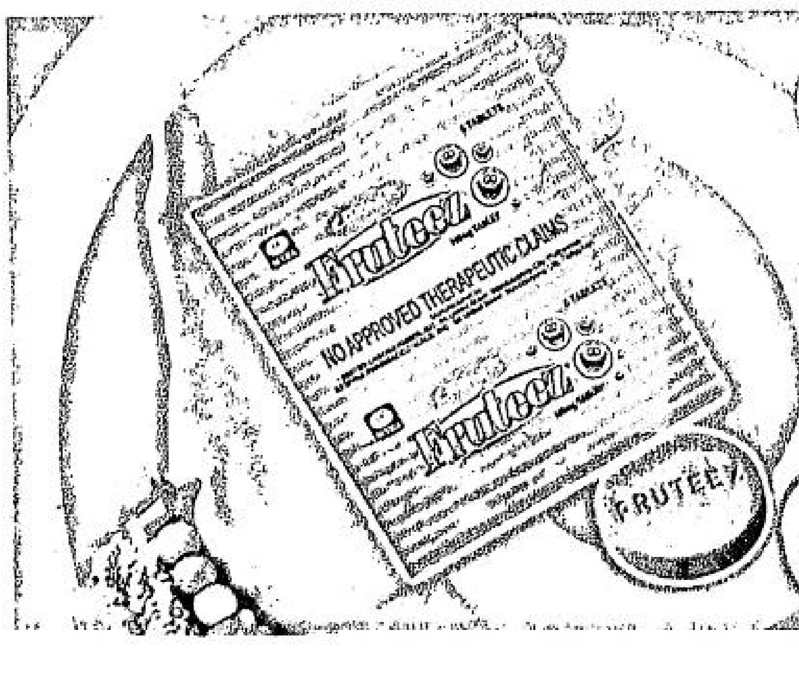

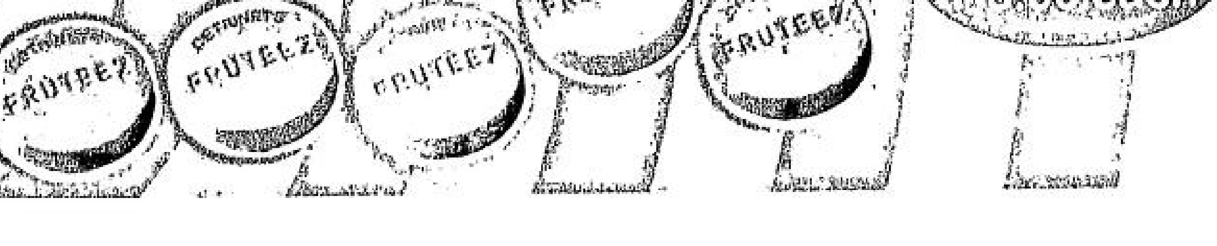

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Ghosts not scary as usually portrayed

INNER AWARENESS

Jaime T. Licauco

"WHAT'S HAPPENING?", somebody asked me recently. "Why is there an explosion of interest in ghosts, paranormal phenomena, UFOs and psychic stuff? Is this a sign of things to come?"

Actually, this interest has been accelerating over the last 10 or 15 years. The media are full of stories and programs on those topics. Unfortunately, most of them are negative and seem to be made merely to scare people rather than provide a rational explanation for them. So the people's natural curiosity for real phenomena is never satisfied. And last Halloween, more gore and outlandish horror movies and TV shows were shown.

I really can't understand the appeal of these outrageous horror stories. I seldom go to such movies. Majority of them are so unrealistic they are not even frightening.

Real ghosts are seldom seen in their horrifying appearance. With few exceptions, they appear to us in their normal, natural form. That the dead show up is scary enough. They do not have to put on outlandish costumes.

More sensitive

I think there's more interest in the extraordinary because there is now a growing segment of our society becoming sensitive to psychic and spiritual forces. Whereas before, few people can see spirits, more are seeing them now.

And these people are less reluctant to talk about such experiences now than before. In almost any social gathering I attend, I meet people who are very eager to tell me stories of their extraordinary or incredible encounters with the unknown.

There was this bank president who developed canker sores because he destroyed a mound of earth inhabited by gnomes or dwarves. He got well only after he followed his grandma's advice to make offerings to the little invisible people. There was the secretary of a real estate broker who died of sorcery. Doctors performing autopsy on her discovered her stomach to be full of sand, something physically impossible. There was this young boy who can talk to the spirit of his elder brother who died in an accident as if he were still alive.

All of them are no longer embarrassed to talk about their unusual experiences. And only the most ignorant still laugh at these things or consider them crazy.

The world is changing very fast. Technology is bringing us closer to each other and allowing us to control our physical environment. At the same time, our minds are also becoming more sensitive to spiritual forces. Consciousness or awareness of the spirit world is growing. It is no longer considered unnatural or insane to talk about encounters with ghosts, UFOs, elementals and other phenomena that seem to defy conventional scientific laws.

Mystical insights

Even scientists are now talking openly about them. Quantum physicists, for example, are coming out of their closets and openly discussing their findings, which sound more like mystical insights rather than statements coming from down-to-earth physicists. For example, the physicist Sir A. Stanley Eddington was quoted as saying that, "The ultimate stuff of the universe is mind stuff."

We are living in exciting times in almost all areas of knowledge. There is indeed a knowledge explosion which was anticipated by Alvin Toffler in his 1960s book "Future Shock." In that book he saw the world undergoing a tremendous information explosion. Changes will take place at dizzying speed. One has to run fast just to stand still. This is all happening now.

With the expansion of consciousness comes greater knowledge about things and experiences that are not ordinary. More and more people are encountering coincidences in greater frequency.

Only last week, an Indian woman called me in the office in the morning. I wasn't able to return her call because I was too busy. She wanted to give me an invitation for a lecture of an Indian guru. At noontime I had lunch in a restaurant of a well-known hotel in Makati, and who was sitting at the next table? The same woman who had called me earlier! She handed me personally the invitation she had intended to give me! James Redfield talks about such coincidences in his best-selling book "Celestine Prophecy."

Instead of recycled and imaginary ghost stories it would make more sense if media concentrated on providing authoritative and unbiased information about the real nature of spirits, how they affect the living and how the living affect them. There is real interaction going on between these two worlds that is usually ignored. The unknown is nearer than we think.

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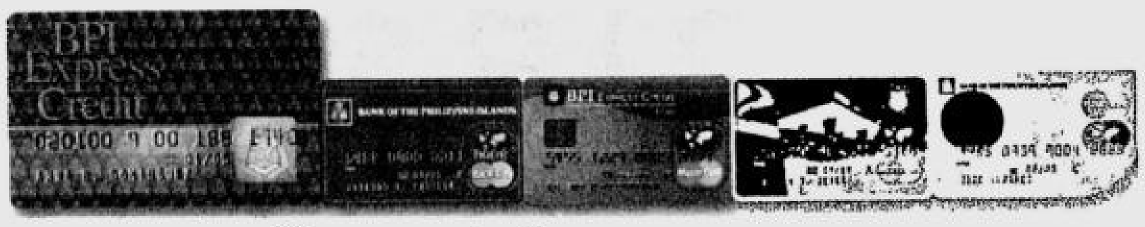

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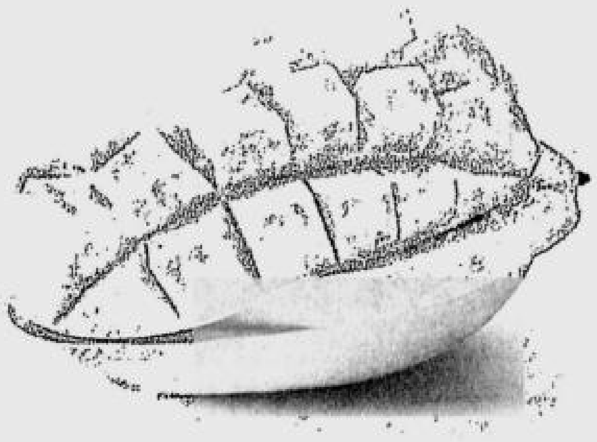

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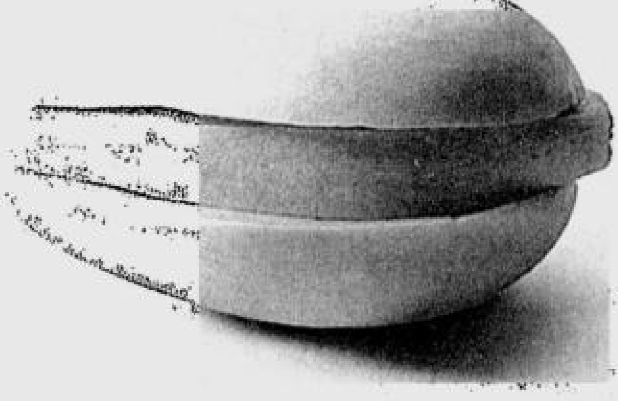

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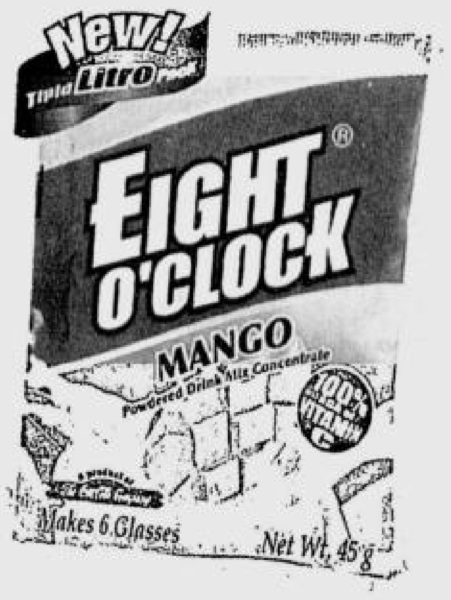

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Basic first aid tips

INSIDE OUT

Cory Quirino

THE BEST MEDICINE is still prevention. This means healthy lifestyle involving the right food, exercise, attitudes and stress management.

Prevention may also need some basic skills, like first aid. Here are a few tips for beginners:

Natural disinfectants—Substances in food that may draw out toxins and clean wounds like apple-cider vinegar, olive oil (and, now, a new star in the horizon—virgin coconut oil), witch hazel, cayenne, pepper, garlic, lemon, onion, cloves.

Poultice: You may also try secondary disinfectants like cabbage (it contains repine, a natural antibiotic) or carrots. These may be juiced, grated or chopped and made into a poultice. Make a paste by adding warm water, virgin coconut oil/olive or wheat germ oil. Apply directly to the affected area or wrap it in a hanky. Poultice may be replaced every one to four hours until symptoms subside. Use three times daily. A cabbage poultice over the ear can fight infection.

You may increase the power of these medicines by taking them as broth or soup.

Teas—Tea is best taken freshly steeped or brewed. One of the most effective is infusion—pouring very hot water over the grated or leafy part of a plant without boiling the herb. Allow to steep for 10-20 minutes. Strain the herb, then drink. You may use a natural sweetener like honey, fruit juice or fructose. If you use natural fresh herb, use one tablespoon per cup of water. Avoid using milk.

You can also make a cold infusion, especially for plants sensitive to heat like lemon, orange or basically any citrus fruit/plant. Simply mix the herb or fruit juice in cold water. Store for eight hours. Strain and drink. If the preparation is too strong, dilute with more water.

Ginger tea taken regularly after meal is an immune system booster, digestive and slimming tea all in one!

Enema—An effective yet simple home remedy, it quickly releases poisons in the colon. You need an enema bag and hose. You may have an enema when you are sick with flu, fever, cold, colic, gas nausea, headache, dysentery. It is best done at the beginning of an illness and with the use of warm distilled/purified/alkaline water. Use a gentle hand in dealing with a delicate part of the body.

Don't forget to lubricate the rectal regions with natural oil like olive or virgin coco. Take the solution in three parts. A good enema to fight a cold is half a lemon's juice, strained and mixed with warm water.

Formentation—An extremely hot, moist compress is applied on the affected area of the body. It may be a herbal tincture or oil or fresh plant applied on the body covered with a hot towel. Leave on for one to two hours or overnight if necessary.

Eye treatment

To draw out toxins, add egg whites to a cloth and apply over the eyes.

Soak baths—A relaxing dip in a tub of warm water not exceeding 106 °F will open up the pores and stimulate the elimination of toxins. Soaking is also good for varicose veins, genital problems and sleeping disorders. It is also a preventive for prostate problems.

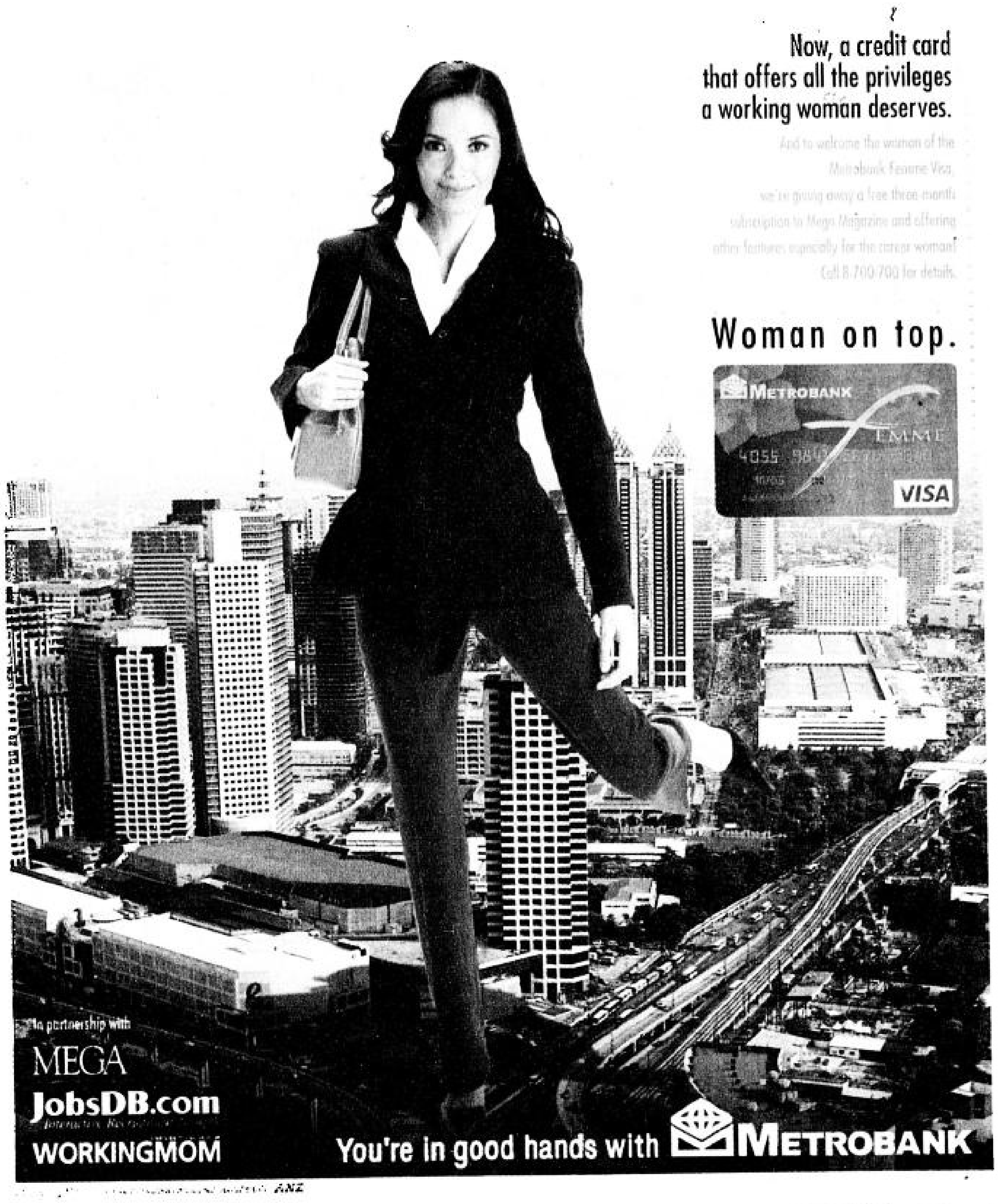
Place herbs in an old sock and tie to the faucet. Allow hot water to pour through the sock. Soak baths are not recommended for the very old and weak, the very young, or a person with a tendency to hemorrhage or has a serious health condition. Soaking time—five to 20 minutes only. Best detox ingredients in a bath—1 c apple-cider vinegar or 1 c Epsom salts or 1 c aloe vera.

Fasting—Absence of food allows the body to detoxify naturally. It can also speed up healing. Take a vegetable/fruit juice—carrot/apple, coconut water—every 30 minutes, alternating with purified water, for one day. The juices will keep your body energized. Break the fast with homemade soup or apples/oranges. This is great for those with weight-loss goals.

Be one with your body, mind and spirit. Affirm with me now.

Love and light!

Reference: "A treasury of natural first aid remedies from A to Z" by James Kusick



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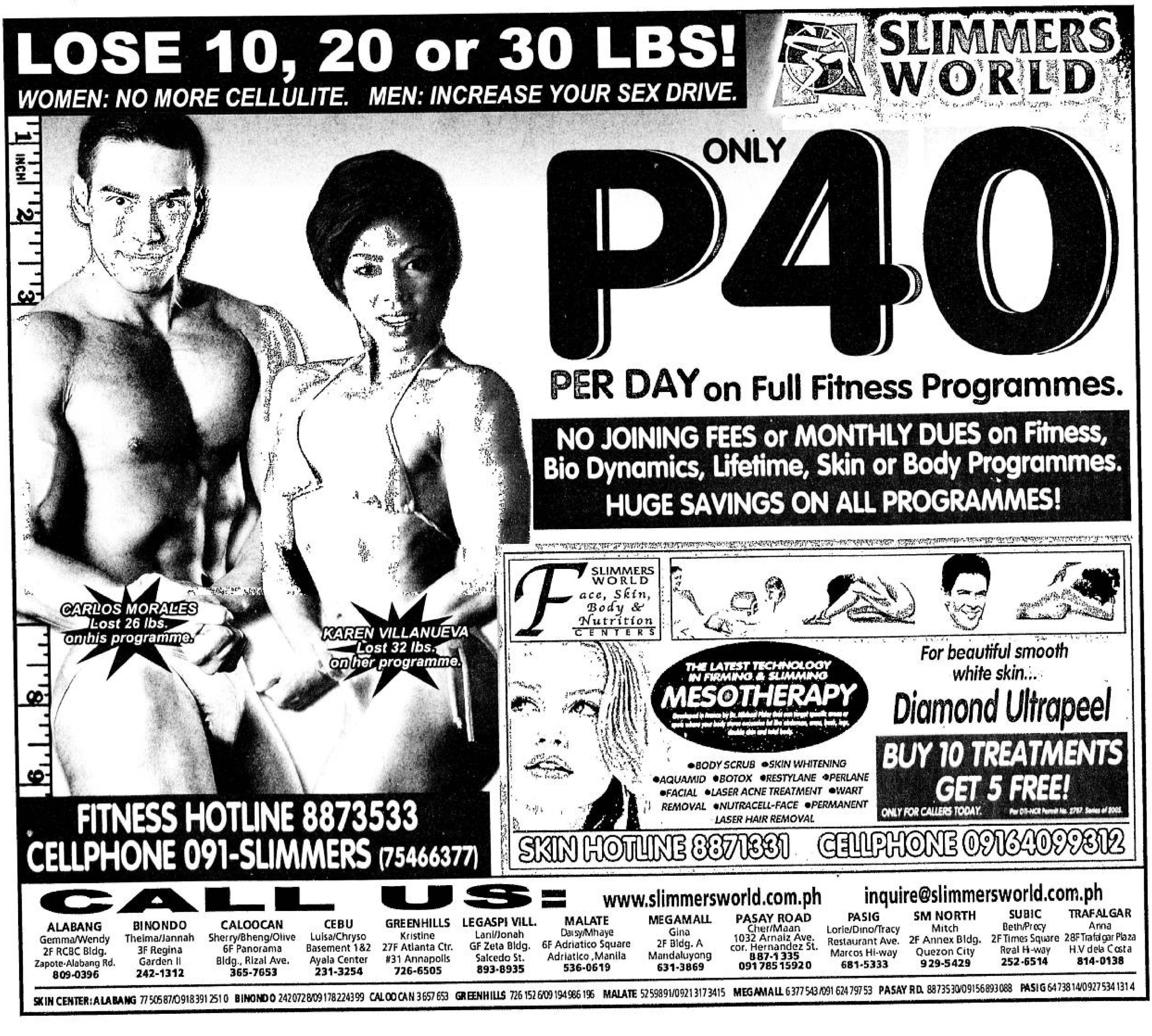

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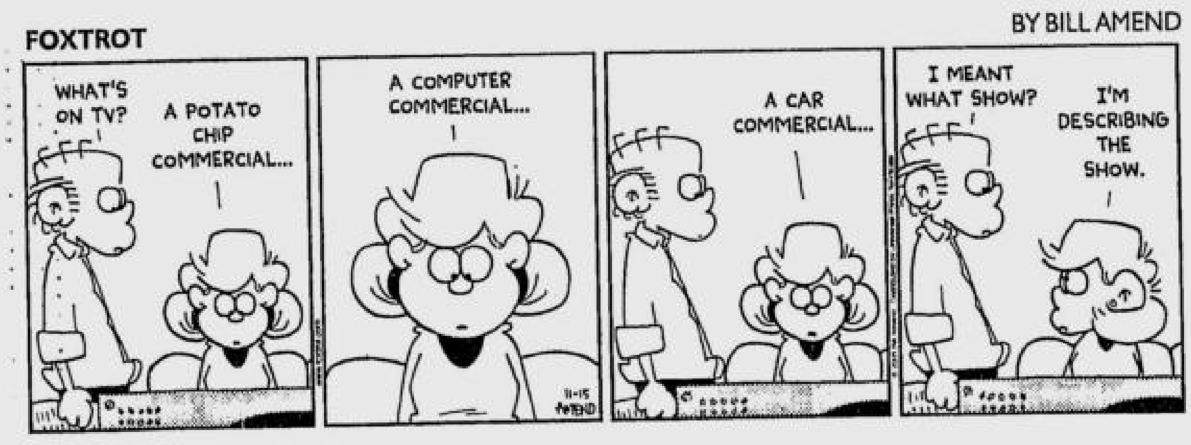
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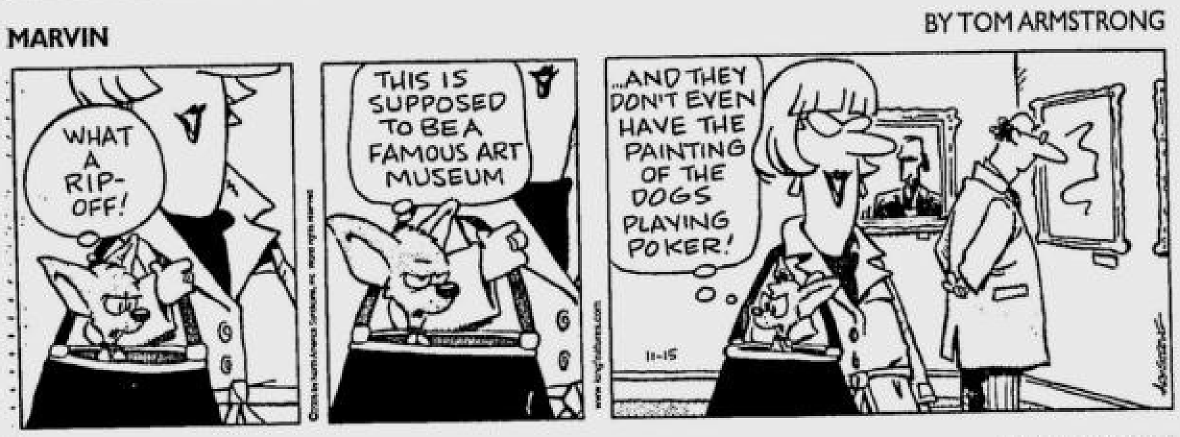
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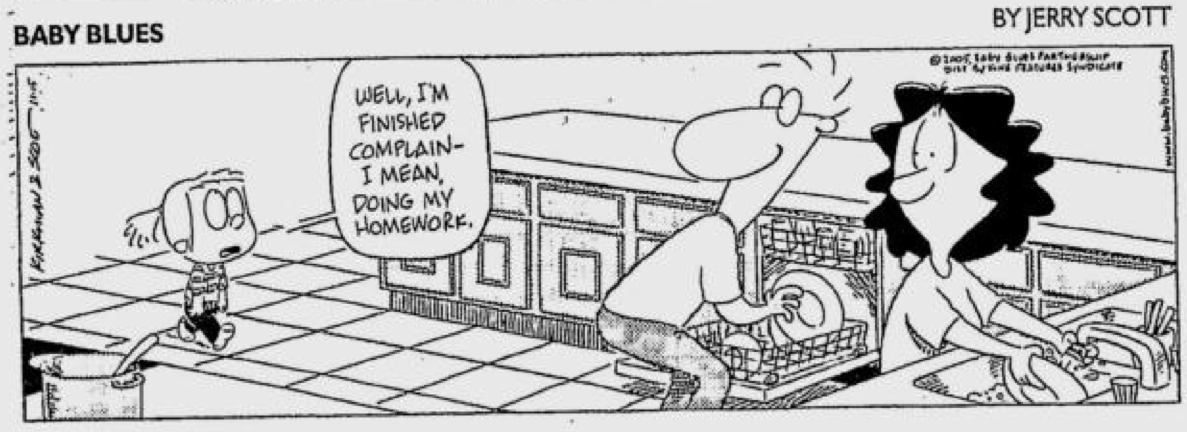
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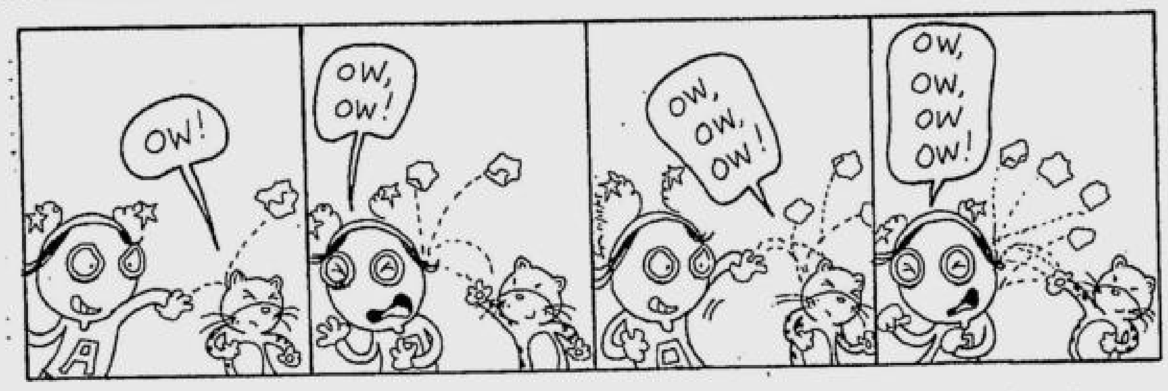
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Birthdate of: Frida Lyngstad, singer; Georgia O'Keeffe, artist; Ed Asner, actor.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): Today's Full Moon hits the money part of your chart. You might feel rich; you might feel poor. You're definitely focused on what you own and what you're earning.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): Today's Full Moon is in your sign. This is the only time this will happen all year. Of course you feel a bit more emotional than usual. Mellow out; it's no big deal—not really.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): You might feel challenged when dealing with authority figures, the government and large institutions today. Do not react to criticism from others. It's easy to have self-doubt today. (Don't let this get to you.)

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): Difficulties with friends and groups might arise today. Oppositional energies are classic when there is a Full Moon. Also, people identify strongly with their own ideas. Be tolerant.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): This Full Moon day is a dicey day to deal with parents, authority figures, bosses and the like. Best to wait this one out. In a day or two, you'll be much more successful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): This is a mildly accident-prone day because this Full Moon stresses areas where you're involved in communications and ground transportation. Take your time. Be patient.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): It's hard to know whose interests to put first—your own or others'. Perhaps you don't want to loan something; perhaps you don't want to give something away. Or perhaps you do!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Conversations with partners and friends are stressed today because of the Full Moon. This Full Moon is directly opposite your sign; therefore, be extra-patient with everyone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Co-workers are a bit demanding today, as well as others you have to deal with on the job. Today's Full Moon brings added stress to individuals. This could play out where you work. Be patient.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): Parents must be vigilant and patient with children today. They feel today's Full Moon just like you do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): It will require more patience on your part to keep the peace at home and within your domestic sphere today.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): This is a mildly accident-prone day. Today's Full Moon could make you impatient, or it might distract you. Slow down. Measure twice; cut once.

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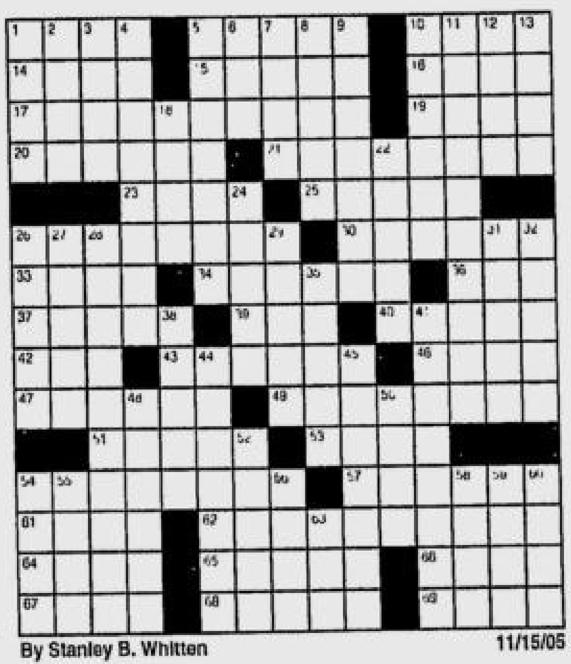

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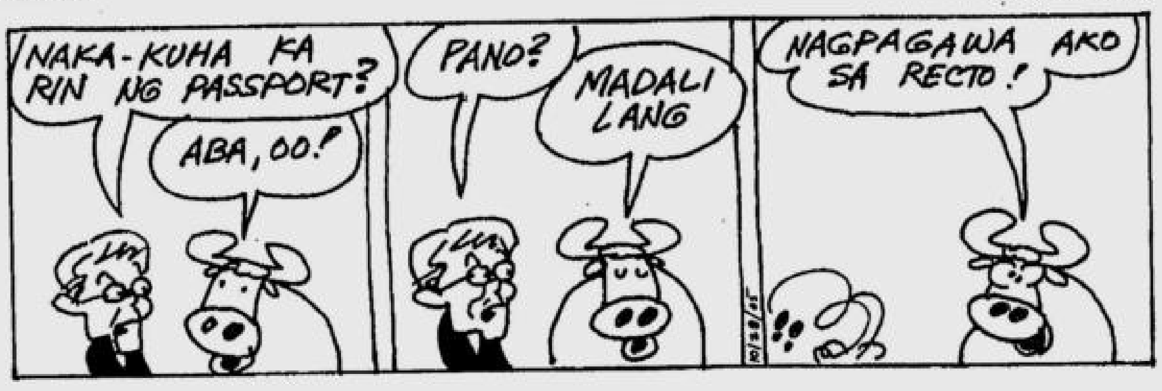
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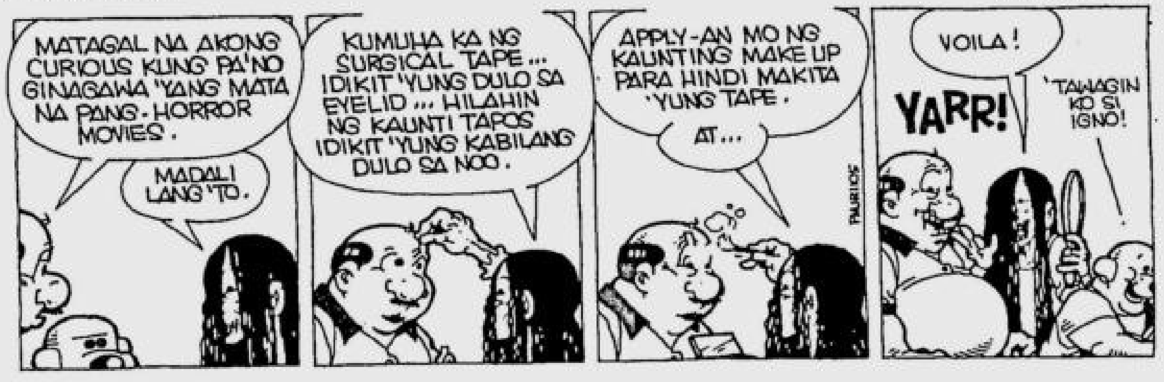
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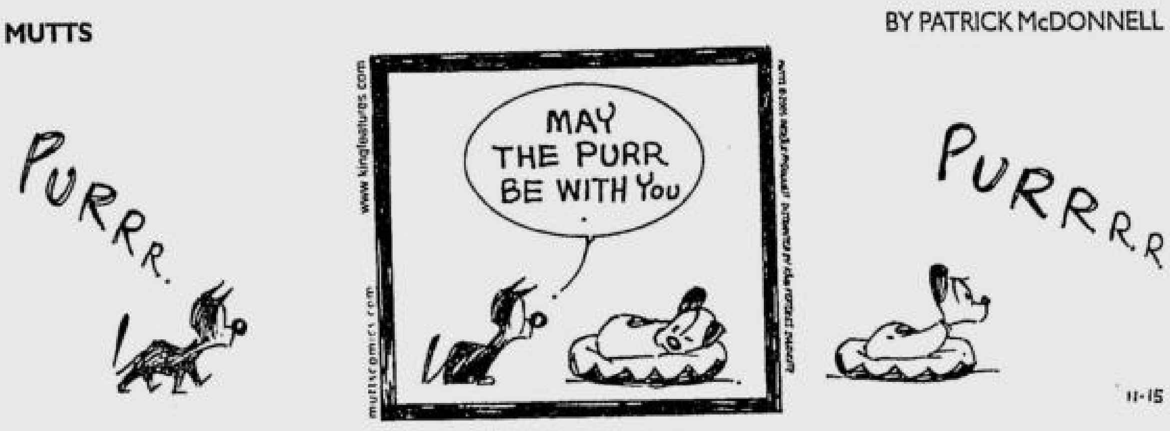
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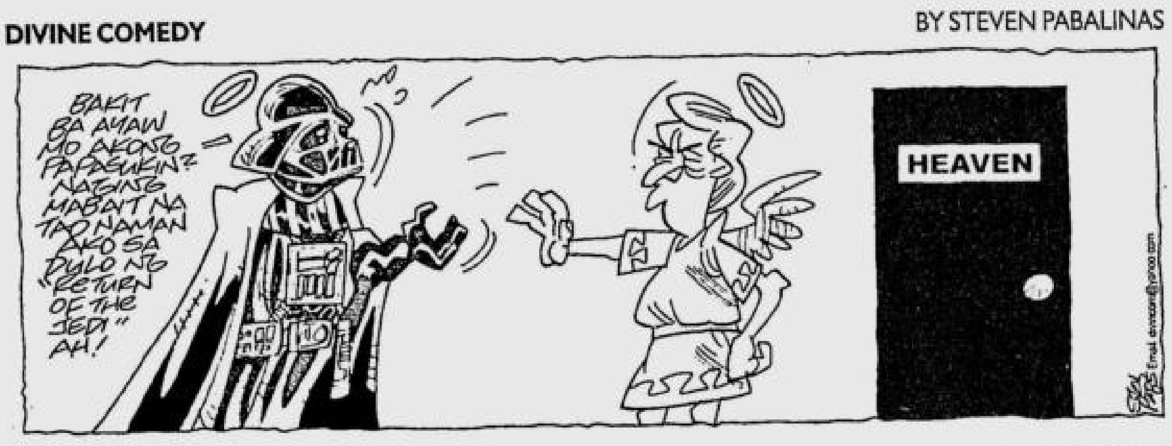
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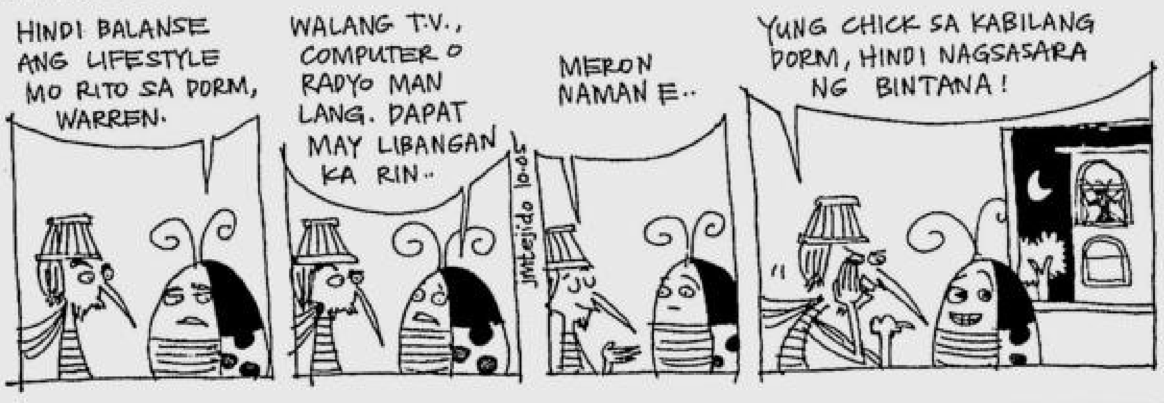
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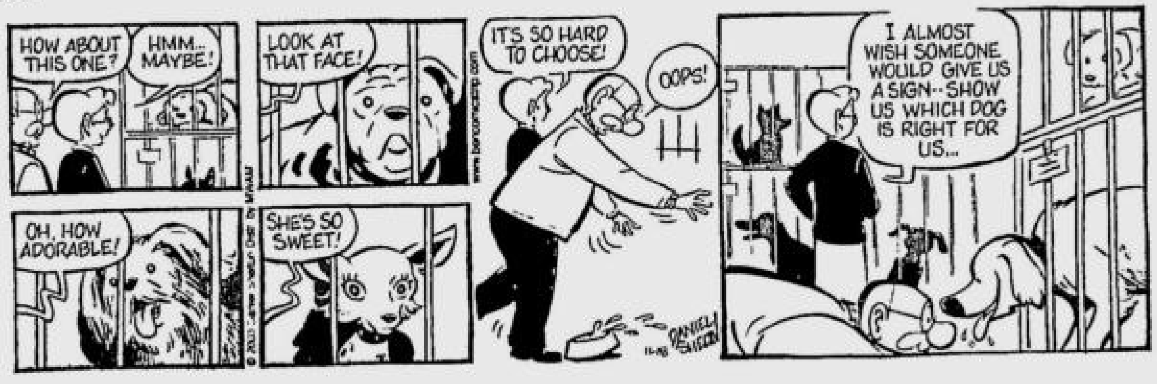
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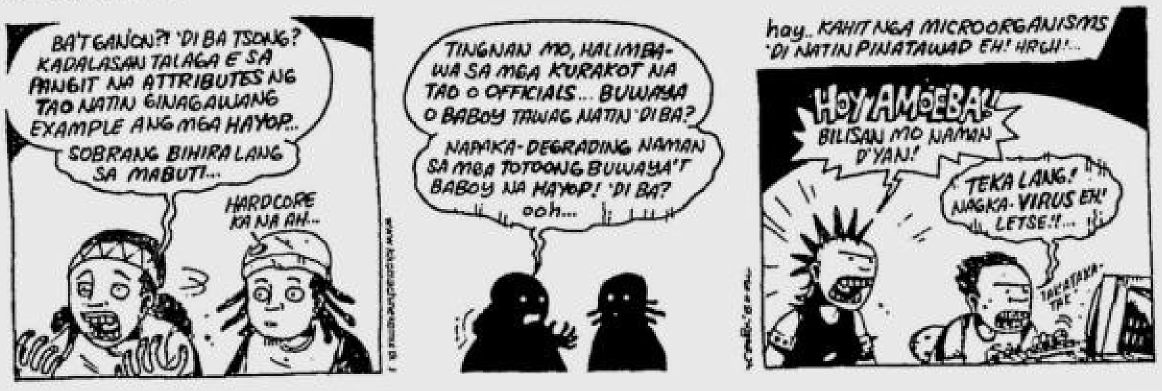
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hoy.. KAHIT NGA MICROORGANISMS 'DI NATIN PINATAWAD EH! HRGH!...
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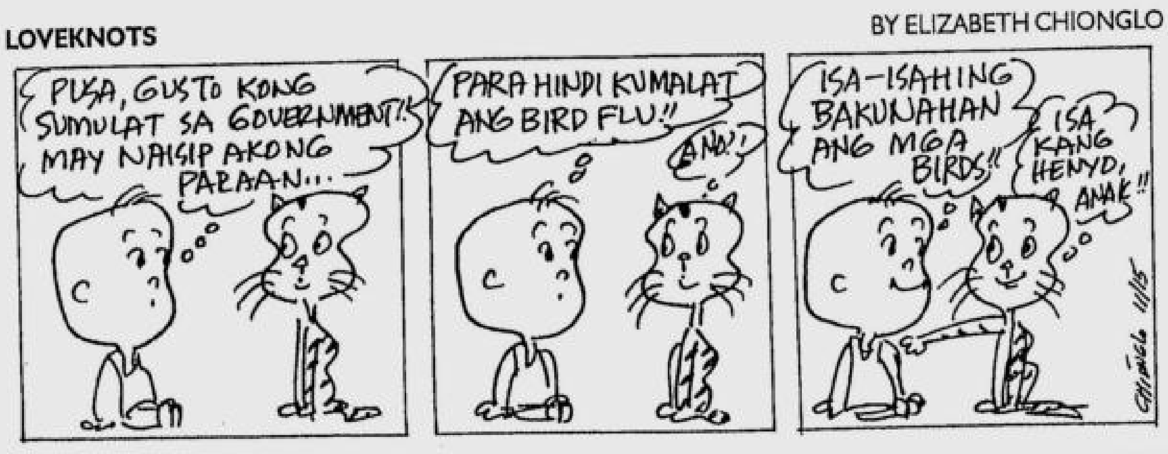
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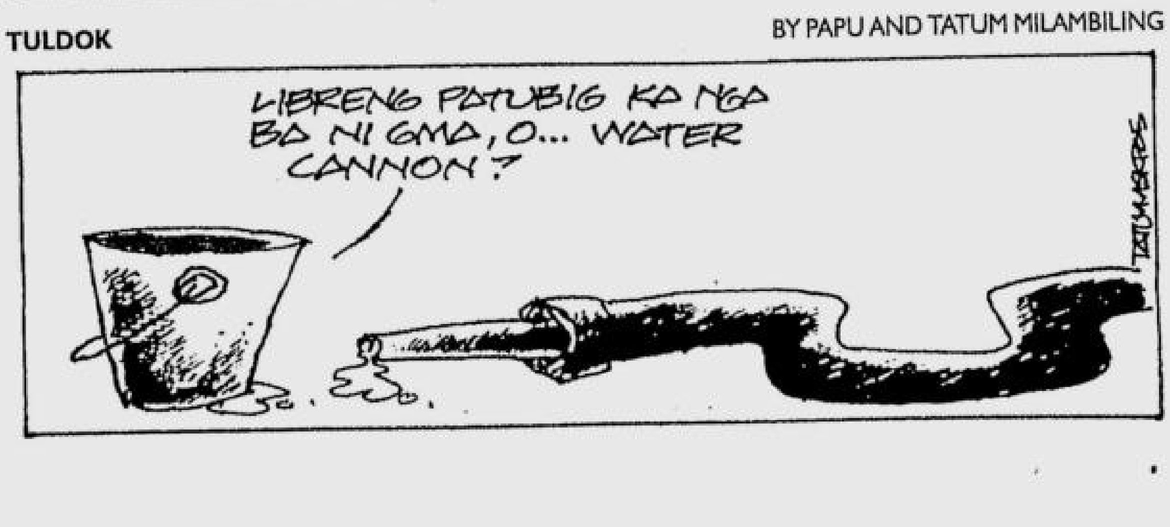
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TATUMBIROS

BRIDGES Foundation receives a check from Coca-Cola during the Calories for a Cause event. From left, Fitness First representatives Ken Richards and Hazel Bernardo; Bridges Foundation school director Grace Roman-Reyes and school directress Barbra Dans-Paguia; JB Baylon, Coca-Cola Export Corp. VP for programs; and hosts Vince Hizon and Jackie Lou Blanco

Burning calories for a cause

FITNESS FIRST TRAINERS RECENTLY LED the hour-by-hour aero sessions of Calories for a Cause at the Market! Market! Activity Area. Sponsored by Coca-Cola System, the fitness-charity event gathered some 2,470 registrants and made possible the granting of P1.2 million in cash donations to nine charity groups.

Through Calories for a Cause, Coca-Cola System promised to match in pesos the total number of burned calories by fitness participants and donate the cash to the following recipients: Give a Life Charity Foundation, Gabriel Symphony, Bridges Foundation, Red Cross and Operation Smile, government projects like the National Universal Medical and Dental Checkup for Grades I-III of the Department of Education, Garantisadong Pambata of the Department of Health, Nutrition and Health Kiddie Class of the Nutrition Foundation of the Philippines, and the Barangay Nutrition Research and Development Evaluation of the Food and Nutrition Research Institute.

At the end of the sessions, Coca-Cola was donating more than the total tally and was instead awarding each charity project P150,000 or the sum of P1.2 million.

The Philippine Army, Philippine Navy, Philippine Air Force and people from Taguig City were some of the workout participants.

The hourly fitness sessions were joined by event emcees Jackie Lou Blanco and Vince Hizon and other celebrities. At the close of the day's event, a special live band performance by Fat Session rewarded the crowd.

A week before the Market! Market! event, Fitness First conducted a special kickoff program, the "Coca-Cola Calorie Walk-off," in 10 Metro Manila outlets. Participants competed against each other for the most number of calories burned in 15 minutes.

Coca-Cola converted the total burned calories to cash for the benefit of Bridges Foundation.

One of the leading health club operators in the world, Fitness First started in UK and is in 17 countries around the world, with the following local branches: Alabang, ABS-CBN, Greenhills, Eastwood Libis, Robinson's JG Summit Makati, Fort Bonifacio, RCBC Plaza, Wymsum Ortigas, Robinsons Malate Manila and Robinsons Metro East.

FITNESS First instructors lead hourly workout sessions at Calories for a Cause, a Coca-Cola sponsored charity event.

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Nov. 11-25, Interior Design Exhibit and Furniture Fair, 3rd/L, Home Area
Nov. 12, D' Bodies, D' Point Guyz & Kiliti ng Pasko Album Tour
Nov. 15, 29, Acoustic Carols Competition, 2nd/L
Nov. 19, GTC Chess Tournament,8 am, Tradehall
Nov. 20, Beauty & the Best Variety Show
Nov. 26, SPONGECOLA Album Tour
Nov. 27, K & THE BOXERS Album
Mondays, Ladies' Night Acoustics @ Mark's Bar 7pm
Wednesdays, Aero Latin Dancing Workshop, Sports Area, 3rd/L

STARMALL EDSA SHAW (718-1886)
Nov. 12, Dream Weavers "Smart Boys" Mall Tour, 2nd/L, 4pm
Nov. 13, SPONGECOLA Mall Tour, 2nd/L, 4pm
Nov. 15, 22, Yuletide Acoustic Competition, 2nd/L, 4pm
Nov. 16, 19, 30, Harlem Dance Competition, 2nd/L, 4pm
Nov. 20, Kids' Fun Day, Nestle Easy Ice Cream Dessert Demo, 2nd/L, 4pm
Nov. 26, K & THE BOXERS Mall Tour, 2nd/L, 4pm
Nov. 27, Kids' Fun Day, Early Christmas Magic with Sponge Bob
Thursdays, Aero Latin Dance
Fridays, Latino Nights at Cuba Libre

STARMALL LAS PIÑAS (872-5249)
Nov. 19, Kids' Time at Books for Less
Nov. 26, Nanette Inventor & Mitch Valdes Show, 7pm, 2nd/L
Wednesdays & Saturdays, The Strip
Fridays, Acoustic Nights @ Mark's

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New conditioner prevents itchy scalp

HAIR CONDITIONERS FLOODING the market today may promise a number of cosmetic benefits but most have not done away with the problem of itchy scalp.

Consumer tests have shown that 83 percent of hair conditioner users still constantly suffer from itchy scalp. Qualitative tests show that some consumers attribute this to their conditioner. Now there's a conditioner bold enough to claim it is taking away scalp itch, a problem caused by dandruff, while still keeping your hair beautifully smooth.

New Head & Shoulders Total Conditioner uses an exclusive form of zinc pyrithinone (ZPT) which has an ultra-small platelet formation that gives greater scalp coverage and thus provides higher anti-itch efficacy than regular conditioners.

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total conditioner

Using the new conditioner with Head & Shoulders shampoo provides a complete dandruff protection system that's twice as effective against dandruff compared to using H&S shampoo with a regular conditioner. When used with anti-dandruff shampoos, the new Head & Shoulders Total Conditioner deposits more ZPT on the scalp to decimate the dandruff-causing fungi that cause scalp itch.

On the other hand, regular conditioners rinse the ZPT deposited by the shampoo from the scalp during hair wash, not maximizing the anti-dandruff efficacy of the shampoo and lessening its initial itch protection.

The new product, now available in the market in 200-ml and 100-ml bottles and 10-ml sachets, combines excellent conditioning and anti-dandruff technologies to care for both your hair and scalp. It gives scalp itch protection while keeping hair smooth and beautiful.

What those 'incredible' fitness claims really mean

WELL AND GOOD

Tina Juan

DIET AND FITNESS products sometimes use marketing phrases similar to ads selling real estate or used cars, according to Glenn Cardwell, nutritionist and author of the book "Diet Addiction."

He says that the phrase "house with an ocean view" can mean "only seen by standing on the roof." And when it comes to cars, we all know that the phrase "slightly used" isn't always what it seems.

Here is his interpretation of common phrases used in the marketing of weight-loss products.

- "Amazing new discovery!" means "Old idea repackaged."
- "Lose 12 pounds in a week!" means "Lose a lot of muscle and water."
- "Inexpensive" means "expensive for what you get."
- "Weight loss made easy" means "If we say it is hard work, you won't buy our product."
- "Feel wonderful!" means "Feel tired, irritable and constipated."
- "No exercise necessary!" means "We're telling lies."
- "Results guaranteed or your money back" means "Results guaranteed for the first week only. After that, it's your problem!"
- "Keep the weight off!" means "By the time you realize it doesn't work, you'll probably blame yourself for the failure."
- "Scientific breakthrough" means "The only breakthrough is how to pull the wool over your eyes."

Exaggerated promises

Fitness authority Liz Neporent has written extensively about the claims made by fitness and weight loss infomercials. She claims consumers are usually hoodwinked by exaggerated promises.

Here is her take on those catchy phrases (from her article "The 10 Commandments of Buying Fitness Gadgets on TV"):

- "Lose 30 pounds in 30 days." The fact is, no one can accurately predict how much or how fast you'll drop weight. You should be wary of anything that guarantees quick, permanent results.
- "Melts fat from your hips, thighs or stomach." There is no way to diet or exercise away fat from a specific part of your body. This so-called "spot reducing"—one of the most oft-mentioned pledges you'll see in ads for fitness equipment—is simply a physiological impossibility, period.
- "No sweat, no effort." No dice. If you're not working hard enough to work up a sweat, you're not working hard enough. Exercise doesn't have to be grueling and painful, but if it's effortless, don't expect results.
- "Total-body workout." On many machines, the arm mechanism is linked to the leg mechanism, so even though your arms are pumping, they're just along for the ride. You aren't getting a better workout, and you aren't necessarily burning more calories.
- "Get fit in minutes a day." How much fitness can you expect from working out just a few minutes a day? Not much. Most reputable fitness experts maintain that you need to exercise aerobically for at least 20 minutes a session to derive cardiovascular benefits and even longer if your main goal is weight loss.
- "Awarded a US patent." You can patent a nose-hair clipper for mice if you wanted to. To get a patent, you need to have an original idea, not necessarily a good one.
- "Guaranteed or your money back." Read the fine print. The manufacturers may promise that you'll lose four inches in one month—if you stick to a low-fat diet and a far more extensive exercise program.
- "Expert endorsements." Don't think for a minute that a three-time Mr. Universe built his biceps with some plastic contraption that looks like a model of the Star Ship Enterprise. And never buy anything hawked by an actress who hasn't had a decent gig in more than five years.

Here are more translations of stereotypical marketing phrases in fitness and weight loss ads, according to Page Waehner, website host of Exercise.About.com.

- "Lose weight in just minutes a day!" actually translates to "If you believe this, you're really stupid." Yes, there are some things you can do in just minutes a day but, unfortunately, losing weight isn't one of them.
- "Results may vary," or "Results not typical." Translation: "We paid this person to say they lost weight with our product." Okay, to be fair, maybe some of these people are real and have seen results, but, like the disclaimer says, those results probably aren't typical.

Events

The Association of Fitness Professionals of the Philippines will hold its annual national convention from Nov. 18-20. Call 0917-5181202 or 920-2762.

The Art of Living Foundation will hold a series of seminars on meditation and breathing to control stress from Nov. 21-26. Call 0917-7910190 or e-mail nameeta@info.com.ph

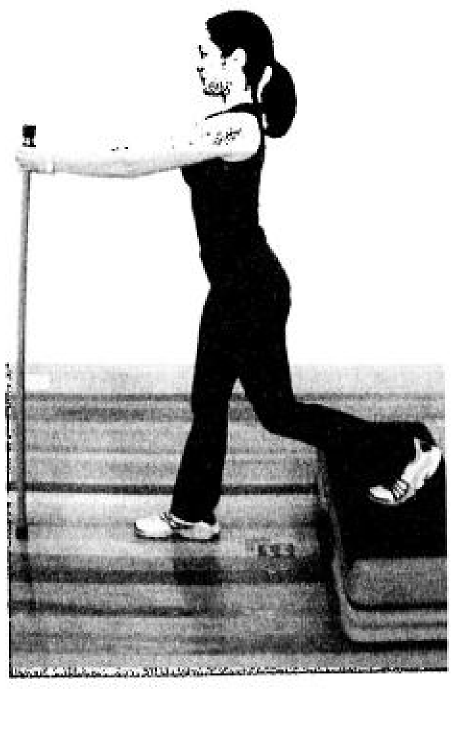
EXERCISE OF THE WEEK

One-legged bench squat

STRENGTHENS the front and back of the thighs as well as the buttocks.

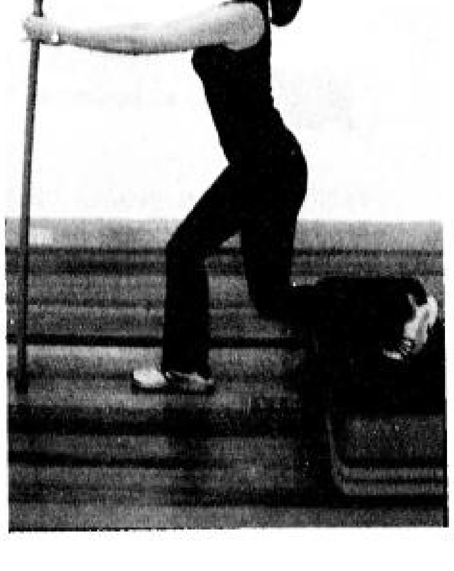
Equipment:

A step bench (you can substitute a stool) and a pole (other options include holding on to a wall or not holding anything to challenge your balance).



Exercise Technique:

1. Stand with the top of your left foot on a bench behind you using a pole for support and balance.
2. Contract your abdominal muscles and keep your chest lifted with your head up.
3. Bend both knees (the leg behind and the standing leg) and slowly lower your body as far as you can comfortably.
4. Keep your knee in line with the ankle of the standing leg.
5. Squeeze your buttocks and the front of your thighs as you return to starting position.
6. Do the desired number of repetitions. Switch to the other leg.



Performance Tips:

1. Watch that your knee doesn't go past your toes as you lower your body.
2. If you are uncomfortable having your leg behind on top of a bench, keep it on the floor.
3. Inhale as you lower down; exhale as you straighten up.

Repetitions:

Do 15 repetitions per leg.

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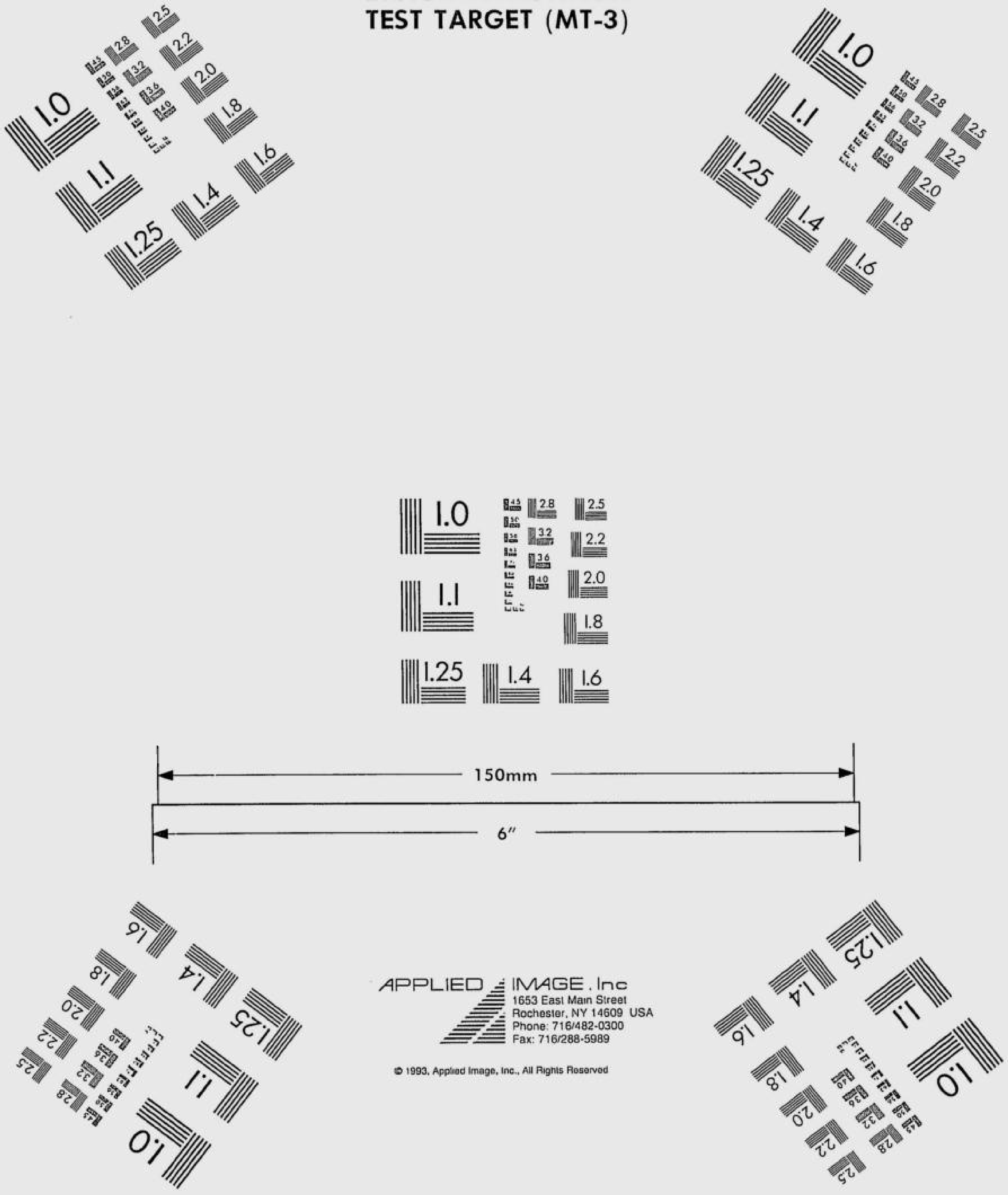
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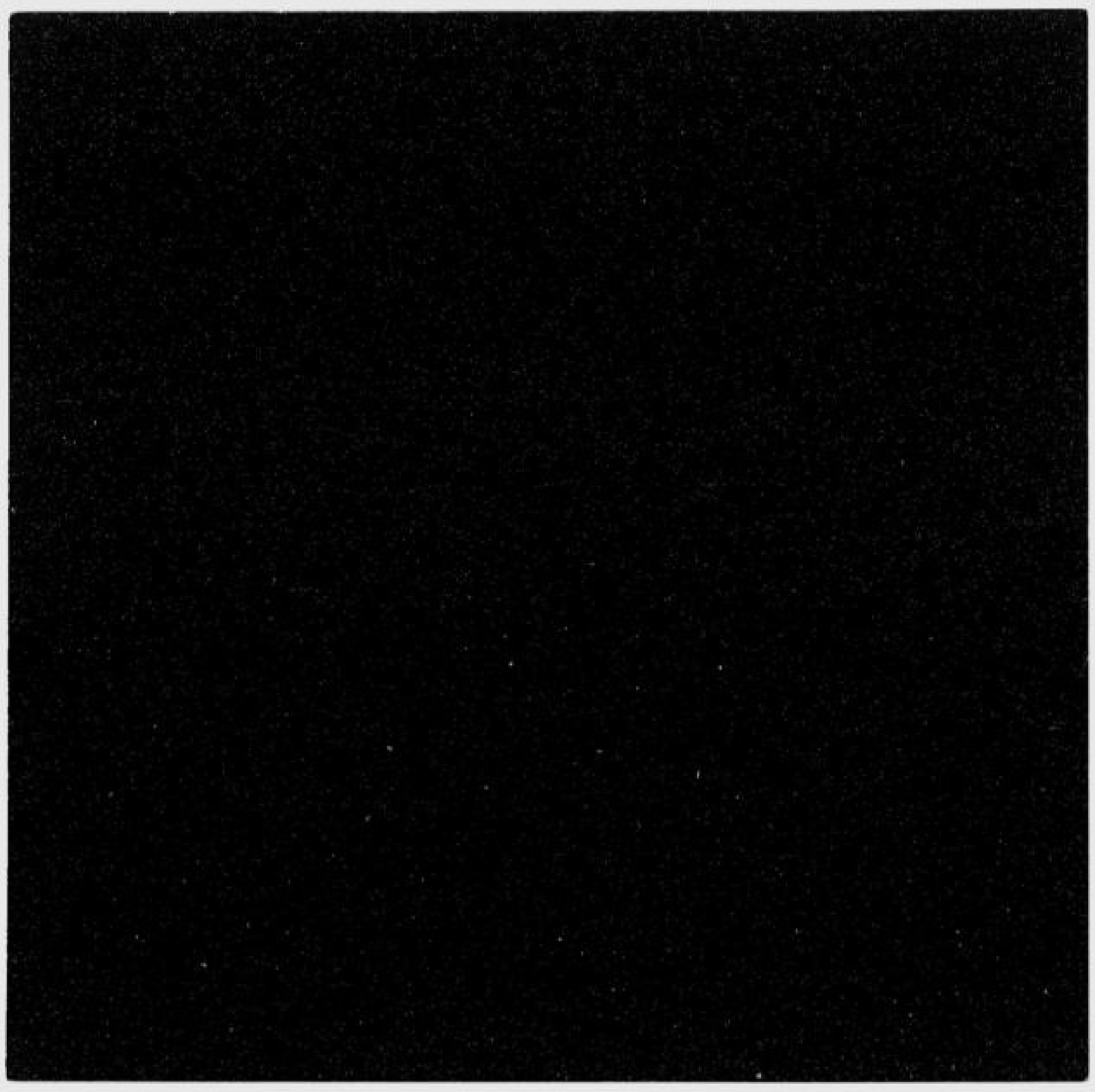

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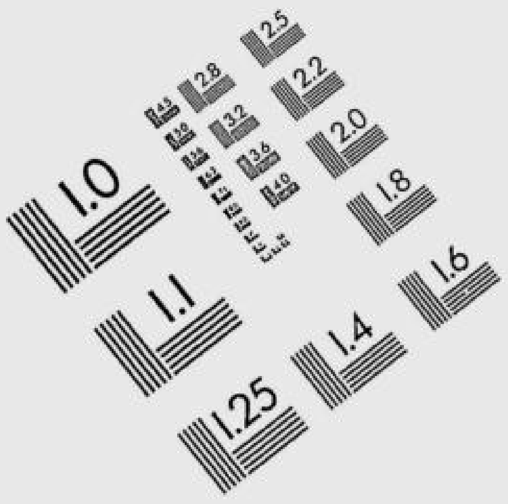
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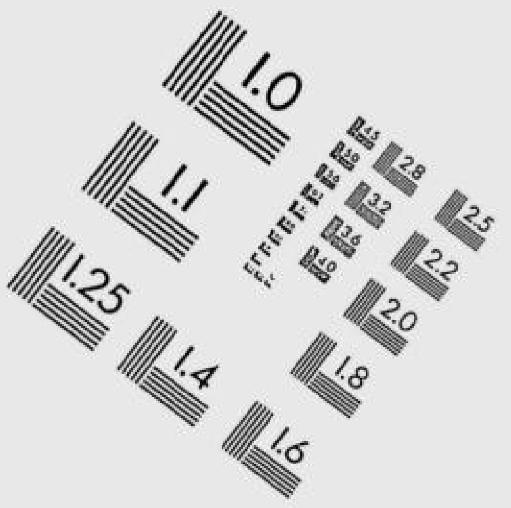
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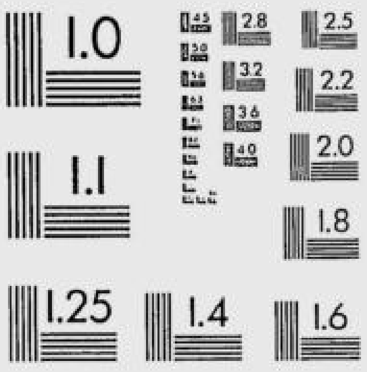
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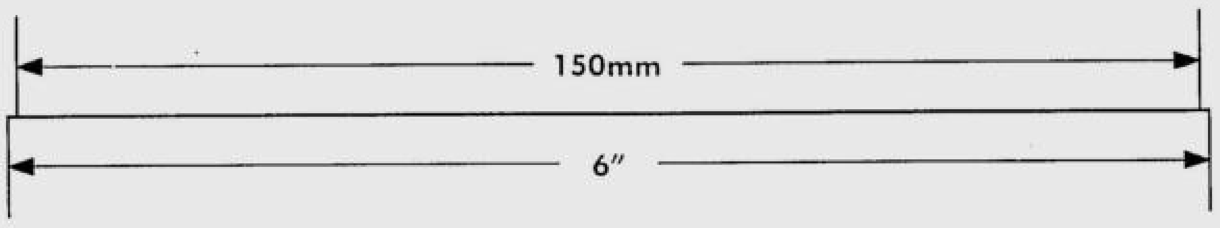

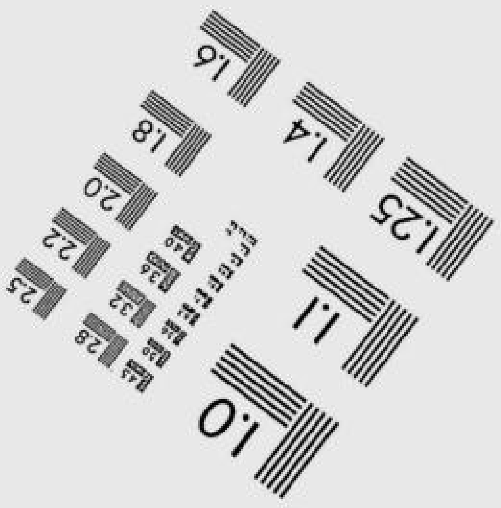
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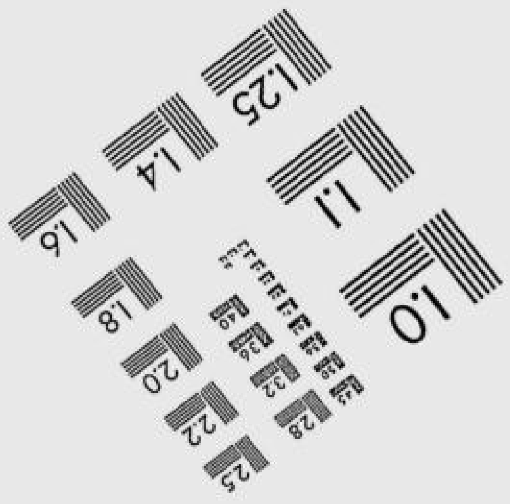
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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

DepEd: Class, it's OK to vote for actors, athletes

WRONG MISTAKE!

By Alcuin Papa

CLASS, IT'S OK TO VOTE for actors and basketball players, says the Department of Education.

The DepEd apologized yesterday to Sen. Jinggoy

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Logging permit to Enrile firm illegal, says ex-gov

ALTHOUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIronment and Natural Resources has given him the go-signal, Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile will be violating the Constitution if his logging firm cuts trees inside a protected area on Samar Island, a faculty member of the Ateneo School of Government said yesterday.

Lutgardo Barbo, also a former Senate secre-

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'Hello Garci' probers find Palace cover-up

House clamors for ₱70-M pork back

By Michael Lim Ubac

CLAIMING THAT THE FISCAL crisis is over, the House of Representatives wants the pork barrel for each member of the House restored to its full amount of P70 million in next year's national budget, the appropriations committee said yesterday.

The pork barrel finances the pet projects of congressmen and senators and is a known source of kickbacks.

"There's a clamor and there's a basis for that. But the leadership has yet to make a decision," said Rep. Rolando Andaya Jr. of Camarines Sur, chair of the committee.

A senior member of the House, who asked not to be named, said it was a "logical request" because most of the pet projects of House members in their districts were temporarily shelved after the pork barrel was slashed.

The pork barrel, now called the Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF), was cut this year to P40 million from P70 million for each member of the House and to P120 million from P200 million for each senator as part of the government's cost-cutting measures.

President Macapagal-Arroyo called for cuts in the pork barrel of legislators in 2004 to help the government address its fiscal woes.

Speaker Jose de Venecia assured the House that the leadership was studying the possibility of restoring the original amount of the PDAF.

"However, we have to make sure that revenues are going up first," he said.

Two factors should guide Congress in studying whether to restore the P70 million in PDAF for each member of the House: The performance of the peso and the value-added tax collections, according to De Venecia.

In plenary session late Monday,

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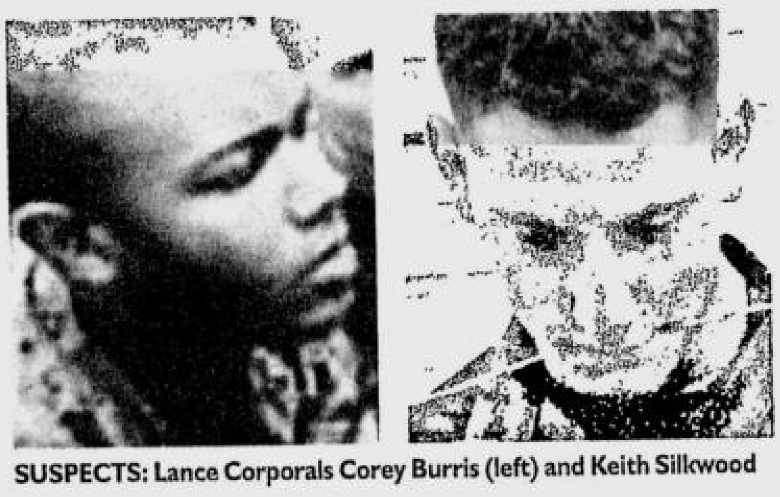
'This is more difficult than Jalosjos case'



SUSPECTS: Lance Corporals Corey Burris (left) and Keith Silkwood

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

SHE SENT A POWERFUL CONgressman, Romeo Jalosjos, to prison on two life terms for raping an 11-year-old girl in 1996, but Katrina Legarda sees her newest case as a formidable challenge.

Unlike in the celebrated Jalosjos case where there was only one accused, the 22-year-old college graduate from Zamboanga who was allegedly raped by six US servicemen in a rented van in Subic on Nov. 1 is up against six defendants, each of whom "can have his own lawyer and can set up his own defense," Legarda told the INQUIRER.

The complaint signed by the woman named five US servicemen and one John Doe. But Legarda said the woman recalled only five servicemen.

"This is not as easy as the Jalosjos case. This is much more difficult," Legarda said.

Legarda, head of the Child Justice League (CJL), has been tapped by the Department of Social Welfare and Development to

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Draft report also bares oust-GMA conspiracy

By Michael Lim Ubac

THE HEADS OF FIVE House committees that conducted a joint inquiry into the "Hello Garci" scandal have concluded that Malacañang attempted to cover up the truth behind allegations President Macapagal-Arroyo stole last year's election.

The draft committee report, principally authored by Rep. Gilbert Remulla of Cavite, disclosed that throughout the hearings "no witness from the administration made a single contribution to arriving at the truth." It said "no sincere cooperation was ever extended by the administration to the congressional inquiry."

The 64-page report obtained by the INQUIRER has been sent to members of the five committees and is up for adoption in an executive session this morning.

"In sum, on one hand, a conspiracy clearly existed to topple the President by embarrassing her with the so-called Garci tapes; on the other hand, the administration could not and would not confront the tapes and contributed nothing toward arriving at the truth about them," it said.

Revelations in the alleged wiretapped conversations between Ms Arroyo and former Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano in June sparked the worst political crisis of her 4-year-old presidency and triggered demands that she resign. The opposition said the wiretaps were evidence Ms Arroyo

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Kids take up arms as way out of poverty, study says

By DJ Yap

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD, children are abducted and forced or tortured into joining armed movements. But in the Philippines, they apparently freely do so.

Filipino children take up arms voluntarily as their way out of poverty and abuse, according to a new book by the Philippine Human Rights Information Center (PhilRights). *(See related story in Across the Nation, Page A20.)*

"Deadly Playgrounds: The Phenomenon of Child Soldiers in the Philippines" details the results of a nationwide study of almost 200 children involved with armed rebel groups as well as government-backed paramilitary groups.

The findings paint a grim picture: Children in their early teens and even younger embrace a life fighting for ideology, religion or mere survival because they see it as the better alternative to peace.

"To them, soldiering has become a better option to a life fraught with poverty, abuse or government neglect," PhilRights executive director Nymia Simbulan said at the book launch yesterday at the University of the Philippines.

From mid-2002 to early 2005, PhilRights researchers conducted in-depth and key-informant interviews with 194 child soldiers aged 17 and below, using purposive sampling.

A quantitative survey and document review were also undertaken.

Almost half of the respondents belonged to the New People's Army, and nearly a third were with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front. The rest were members of the Revolutionary Proletarian Army-Alex Boncayao Brigade, Citizens Armed

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US needs 200,000 teachers yearly, says placement firm

By Volt Contreras

SOME MAY BE CONCERNED THIS WILL only accelerate the country's "brain drain." Others may see it as a great opportunity for better-paying jobs.

Over the next decade, the United States will need some 2 million new elementary and high school teachers, or over 200,000 each year, according to a company with ties to the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence.

The board sees a shortage of teaching personnel in the United States with the retirement of up to 40 percent of the current teachers there in the next five years, population growth and the reduction of class sizes, according to E-World Staffing Services.

E-World, a government-licensed recruitment firm based in Pasig City, shared these figures when it announced last week its joint venture with the board in a new program that would allow foreign noneducation professionals to be eligible for future teaching jobs.

The job pays from $37,000 to $62,000 a year.

The board has a program, called the "Passport to Teaching," wherein individuals with bachelor's degrees can undergo teacher qualification exams and earn the board's certification, said Norman Gibbs, president of E-Worldstaffing.com.

E-World Staffing Services handles the Philippine operations of E-Worldstaffing.com, the principal company.

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A Philippine Marine salutes the casket of one of four fellow Marines killed in the ongoing fighting between government forces and Moro rebels in Jolo, Sulu. The fallen Marine's remains arrived in Zamboanga City Monday.

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Al-Qaida funding Abus, RSM—witness

By Philip C. Tubeza

A CONFESSED TERRORIST WHOSE GROUP ALlegedly plotted bomb attacks in Metro Manila has admitted that Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida international terror network was directly funding the Abu Sayyaf bandit group and had bankrolled the activities of his own group, the Rajah Solaiman Movement.

Malik Alimuddin last week turned state witness in the case against his fellow members in the RSM, a group of Christians who had converted to Islam.

He was arrested in a police raid last month along with RSM founder Ahmad Santos (also known by the aliases Hilarion del Rosario Santos/Abu Hamza/Abu Hamid al-Luzon).

In a sworn statement to state prosecutors, Alimuddin said he had maintained an account in the state-run Land Bank of the Philippines where money from the al-Qaida-linked Jemaah Islamiyah Southeast Asian terror group and other "foreign" supporters was being wired to finance their operations.

The account was opened in the Landbank branch in Zamboanga City on the instructions of Abu Sayyaf chief Khadaffy Janjalani and Hilarion Santos, he said.

"Funds from the Jemaah Islamiyah and the al-Qaida were being sent to that account. The money that goes to that account is used by the Abu Sayyaf and the RSM in their armed struggle against the government," Alimuddin said.

He agreed to open the bank account to government investigators.

Alimuddin said the Abu Sayyaf had tapped Santos to form the RSM to encourage Christians to turn against the government.

Intelligence agencies have identified the RSM as a major threat because many of its members can blend in easily in Manila to hit "soft targets." It is not known how many members the group has.

Alimuddin said the brothers Hilarion and Dawud Santos (also known as Tyrone del Rosario) were active RSM members.

Last Feb. 14, the Abu Sayyaf, with the help of Alimuddin's group, staged three simultaneous bomb attacks in the Makati financial district and in two Mindanao cities, killing six and wounding more than 100.

Shortly after, troops recovered a ton of explosives from Dawud Santos. The explosives were allegedly for a truck bomb attack on the United States Embassy.

"The Abu Sayyaf and the RSM have long had connections with the Jemaah Islamiyah and al-Qaida. The people who trained us in bomb making are foreign members of the JI," Alimuddin said.

He said local terror groups also received support from some policemen and even media people in Mindanao and Manila.

Senior State Prosecutor Emmanuel Velasco yesterday submitted Alimuddin's extrajudicial confession, which he made on Oct. 17, to the Makati Regional Trial Court which is trying the Santos brothers, Janjalani and 18 others for terror activities, including the Valentine's Day bombing in Makati.

Velasco also submitted to the court the sworn statement of Abu Sayyaf member Gappal Bannah, alias Boy Negro, who had also turned state witness.

Bannah claimed that Dawud Santos was one of the people who delivered to him the bombs that were used in the Valentine's Day bombing.

Court proceedings against the alleged RSM members were suspended yesterday after defense lawyers told the court that one of the accused was a minor.

Makati Judge Encarnacion Moya suspended the hearing and ordered the defense to submit proof that the accused was under 18 years old.

Moya's court, a regular trial court, does not have jurisdiction over cases in which minors are involved. Cases involving minors, whether as accused, witnesses or complainants, are to be tried in designated family courts.

Moya said the question of whether her court had jurisdiction over the case must first be resolved.

Velasco said that other than causing a little delay in the case's progress, the transfer to a juvenile court would not affect the government's case.

The minor, who is said to be 17 years old, is in the custody of the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines after she was arrested in Zamboanga last month along with Alimuddin, Hilarion Santos, his wife Hannah Santos, Nururrija Amdal, Mursidi Balao, Ismael Idiris and Bodot Abdullah.

The other accused include Dawud Santos, who is out on bail while being tried on charges of illegal possession of explosives, and Abu Sayyaf leaders Khaddafy Janjalani and Jainal Sali, alias Abu Solaiman, who are both at large. *With a report from Tarra V. Quismundo*

Troops capture 2 Abu Sayyaf camps

ZAMBOANGA CITY— GOVERNment troops have captured two camps belonging to the Abu Sayyaf bandit group, but bad weather has slowed down the offensive against the fleeing gunmen that has cost the lives of at least four soldiers, the military said yesterday.

Troops pursuing the Abu Sayyaf and followers of jailed Moro leader Nur Misuari reported they recovered ammunition for rockets, mortars and grenade launchers from two camps in Indanan on Jolo island late Monday.

One of the camps belonged to Misuari loyalists in Barangay Marang and the other was a "forward base" of the Abu Sayyaf in Bud Kapuk, both in Indanan town.

The military yesterday released a revised casualty figure, reporting that four Marines have been killed and 12 other Marines and 10 Army soldiers wounded since a gun battle erupted late Friday followed by sporadic clashes in Barangay Marang between government troops and a combined force of the Abu Sayyaf and the so-called Misuari Breakaway Group (MBG).

It had initially reported that seven soldiers were slain.

There were no encounters reported yesterday.

At least 17 Moro gunmen, including Abu Sayyaf leader commander Mammah, were killed, the military said, basing its figures on radio intercepts and ground reports.

But Southern Command spokesperson Col. Domingo Tutaan said no bodies were found at the Abu Sayyaf camp, only blood-stained backpacks and personal belongings.

He said soldiers later destroyed several bunkers and trenches in the encampment.

Brig. Gen. Alexander Aleo, commander of the antiterror Task Force Comet in Jolo, said heavy rains were affecting the offensive.

Aleo said the Abu Sayyaf gunmen were allegedly aided by followers of Misuari, who signed a peace accord with the government in 1996.

Armed Forces spokesperson Col. Tristan Kison told reporters in Manila that the dense jungle of Jolo, where visibility is often limited to 10 meters, was also hampering the operation.

Lt. Col. Pablo Lorenzo said the heavily fortified base in Bud Kapuk belonged to the group led by Umbra Jumdail, alias Doc Abu.

Lorenzo said the encampment had 15 bunkers, which could accommodate from 80 to 100 persons.

Col. Juancho Sabban, 3rd Marine Brigade commander, said the MBG camp belonged to the group of Khaid Adjibun, Misuari's chief of staff in Sulu, and could hold up to 500 people.

In Cotabato City, MNLF chair Hatimil Hassan urged the military to halt the offensive, saying the fighting has already displaced at least 200 civilians.

A man and his wife were wounded by shrapnel, the only civilian casualties reported so far.

Hassan said he had sent emissaries to Sulu to convince Ustadz Habier Malik's group to stop the fighting.

Lt. Col. Mark Zimmer, public affairs officer of the Joint Special Operation Task Force Philippines (JSOTFP), said US soldiers conducting humanitarian work in the province would not be pulling out even as tensions mounted in Sulu.

Aleo said no US personnel were involved in the Indanan operation. At least 30 US servicemen have been in Sulu since last month. *Julie S. Alipala and Jeoffrey Maitem, PDI Mindanao Bureau, with AP and AFP*

Bodies of 2 carjacking suspects to be examined

THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN Rights announced yesterday it had hired an expert to examine the bodies of at least two of the three men killed by police in Pasig City last week to establish whether the alleged car thieves died in a shootout with cops or were summarily executed.

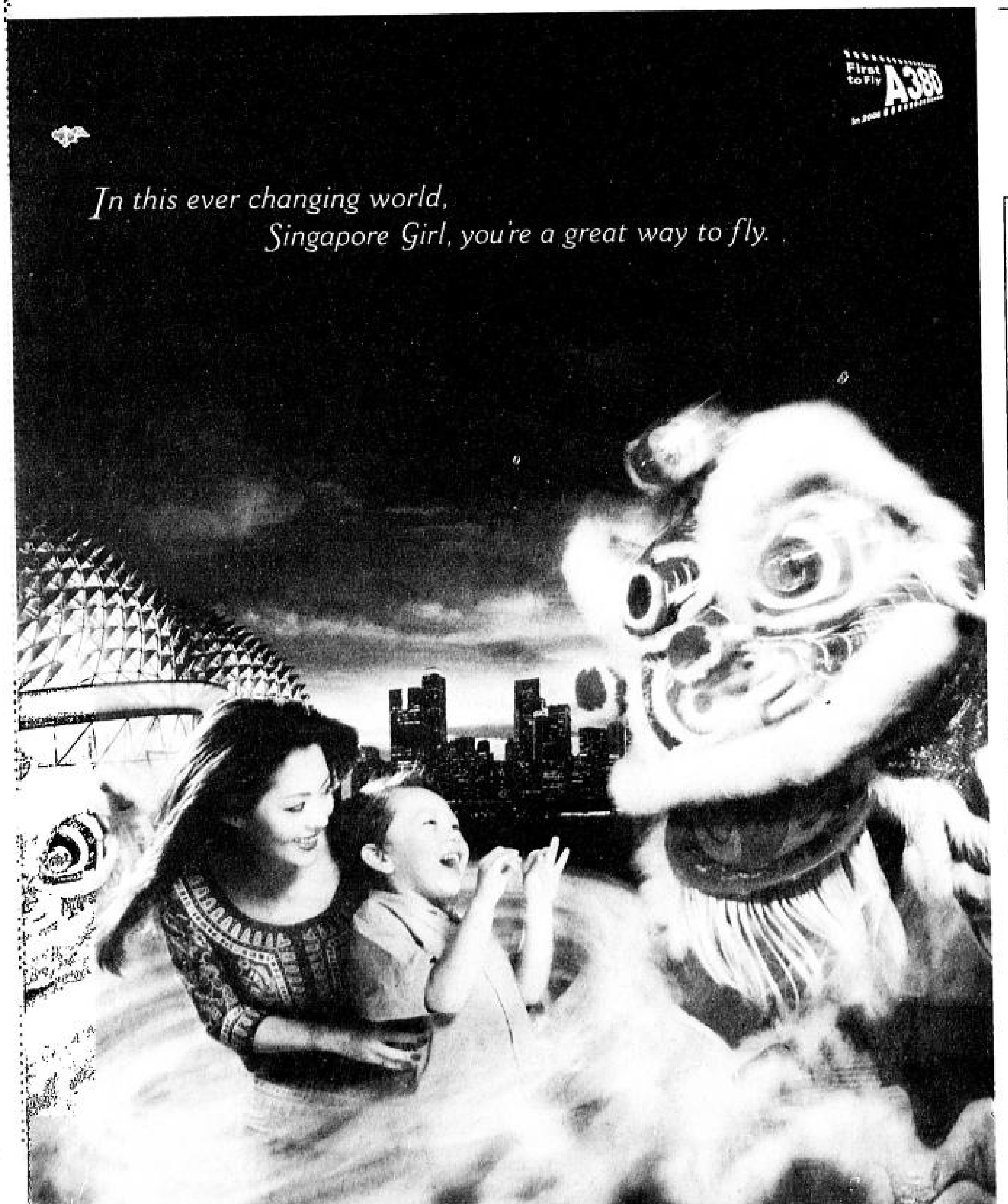
CHR Commissioner Wilhelm Soriano said the commission had tapped forensic pathologist Rachel Fortun and lawyer Lynda Jimeno to help in its investigation into the deaths of Brian Anthony Dulay, Anton Cu-Unjeng and Francis Manzano.

Police claimed the three men were carjackers killed in a shootout with police who had cornered them after a chase in Pasig on Nov. 7. But a video showing police firing at the bodies of the men after they had already been immobilized and were slumped in their car raised doubts they may have been summarily executed.

"In this light, we are also in the process of issuing subpoenas addressed to the PNP as a follow-up request for a post-operative report and a subpoena duces tecum to the camera man of UNTV as well as other (television stations) who have possession of other materials which will enable us to shed light on what really transpired on the night of the Nov. 7 shootout," Soriano said.

Fortun said she wanted to examine the bodies of Manzano and Dulay as soon as possible before their families had them buried or cremated. She said the body of Cu-Unjeng had been cremated.

Even if they had failed to clear up doubts about the alleged shootout, police insisted the slain men were carjackers and said this was bolstered by the fact that no car had been hijacked in Metro Manila since the shooting. *Norman Bordadora and Luige A. del Puerto*



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More Pinoys pessimistic, survey says

FILIPINOS ARE GROWING MORE pessimistic about their quality of life next year, according to results of a nationwide survey conducted by a private polling firm last month.

Fifty-eight percent of Filipinos expect their personal circumstances to worsen in the year ahead, up 9 percentage points from 49 percent in July, Pulse Asia Inc. said in a statement yesterday.

Seventy-four percent said the national quality of life in the next 12 months would be worse than today. Sixty-five percent gave the same answer in July.

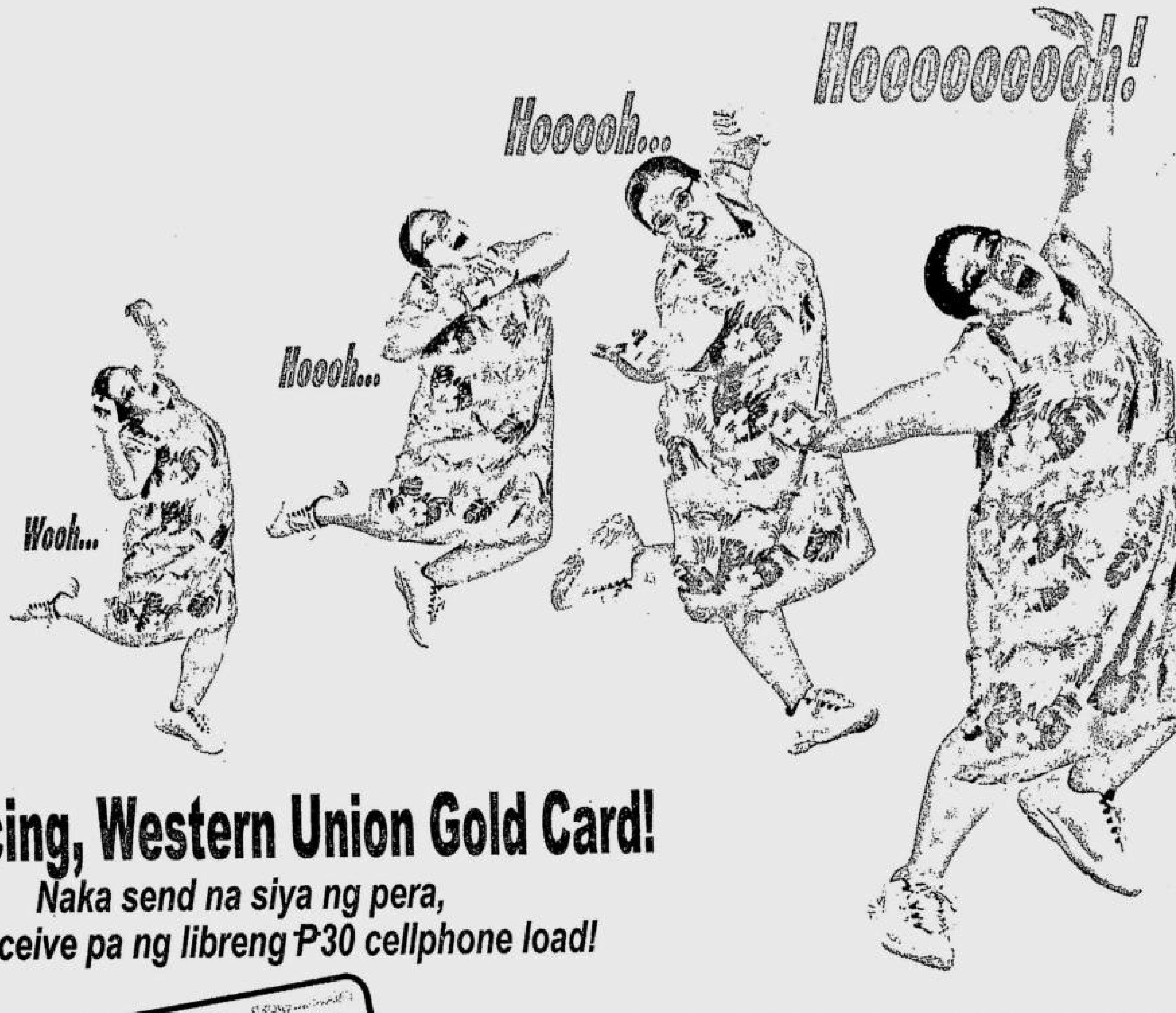
The Pulse Asia survey, conducted on Oct. 15-27, covered 1,200 respondents aged 18 years and over. The survey had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level.

"A big majority of Filipinos say they are worse off now than last year (73 percent) while an even bigger percentage (87 percent) expresses the same level of sentiment in relation to the plight of the nation as a whole," Ana Maria L. Tabunda, Pulse Asia executive director, said.

Sixty-seven percent said their quality of life was worse in July compared to last year.

A public tired of changes in government is perhaps the only thing keeping the Arroyo administration afloat, according to the immediate past president of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines.

"Not many people are thinking of changing it now," Davao Archbishop Fernando Capalla told reporters in an interview. "Some maybe are tired, some do not know what is happening like (those) in the provinces." *With a report from Christian V. Esguerra*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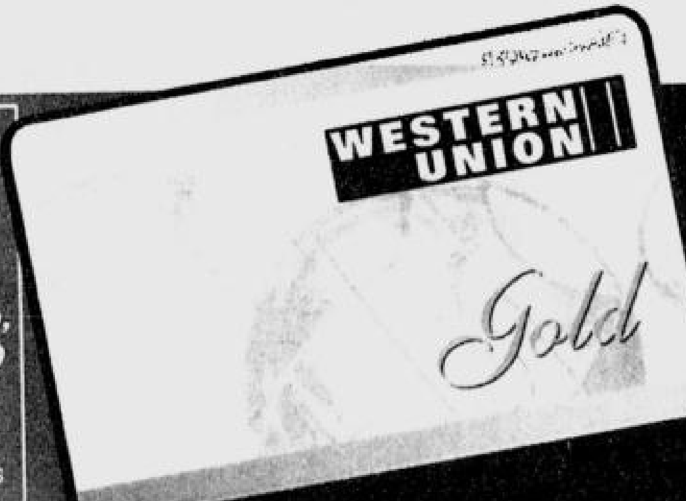

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Logging permit to Enrile firm illegal, says ex-gov

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tary and three-term governor of Eastern Samar, said the logging permit issued to San Jose Timber Corp. (SJTC) posed a conflict of interest for the senator because he obtained it during his term.

Section 14, Article 6 of the 1987 Constitution bans senators and congressmen from being "directly or indirectly interested financially in any contract with, or any franchise or special privilege granted by the government" or any of its agencies, including government corporations during the lawmakers' term, Barbo said.

"He shall not intervene in any matter before any office of the government for his pecuniary benefit or where he may be called upon to act on account of his office," he said in a statement, quoting Article 6.

Leaders of environment groups in Samar have lambasted SJTC's logging permit as a "political concession" to Enrile, who they said lobbied for Environment Secretary Michael T. Defensor's confirmation in the Commission on Appointments in June.

Moratorium lifted

Enrile wrote Defensor on July 11 asking the DENR to lift the moratorium on logging in Samar issued by then Environment Secretary Fulgencio Factoran Jr. in 1989 and to allow SJTC to operate.

On Aug. 16, Defensor signed the order allowing Enrile's firm to log in its 95,770-hectare timber licensing agreement (TLA) area, which falls inside the Samar Island Nature Park (SINP). He also extended the firm's TLA effectivity by 16 years.

"The order of Environment Secretary Mike Defensor allowing Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile's SJTC to cut trees up to 2021 ... within the officially protected zone flouted the law and contravened regulations," Barbo said.

He said Defensor committed blatant violations of Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991 because he did not consult the stakeholders, as required by law, before issuing the order.

Sections 2 and 26 of the Local Government Code require all national government agencies to consult local governments, communities and nongovernment organizations before implementing a project or program that may cause pollution, climate change, or loss of forest cover and extinction of animal species.

No exception

"Judging from the opposition to the order of the secretary, no participation of the local government units, nongovernment organizations and people's organizations and other concerned sectors was shown. The records appear that they were left in the dark," said Barbo, who was part of the technical working group that crafted the implementing rules and regulations of the Local Government Code.

"Contrary to the law's mandate, neither the secretary nor the senator went out of his way to explain the goal of the project or program or its impact upon the people," he said.

The former Senate secretary said the Local Government Code's mandatory provisions must be applied without exception and without the secretary's fear or the senator's favor.

Both Enrile and Defensor have denied that SJTC's resumption of operations in Samar after a 16-year suspension of logging activities had anything to do with Defensor's confirmation by the Commission on Appointments, of which Enrile is a member.

"The secretary's blitzkrieg when no one was looking and his insistence that his action was within the bounds of law plus the dare of the senator to sue him in court smack of condescending power and official haughtiness," Barbo said.

Defensor has insisted that the DENR merely gave restitution to Enrile for the revenues lost by the senator's firm during the moratorium, which prevented SJTC from operating.

The DENR imposed a logging moratorium on Samar Island in February 1989, after mudslides and flash floods caused by continuous heavy rains killed several people and destroyed crops and properties. The disaster was blamed on rapid deforestation.

Defensor said it was up to the local officials to decide whether they would give SJTC the permits to proceed with its logging operations.

Rescind order

The protected area management boards (PAMBs) of the SINP in the three Samar provinces are preparing a resolution, asking the DENR chief to rescind the order lifting the logging moratorium.

The PAMBs of Eastern Samar, Northern Samar and Samar separately convened last week to discuss, among other things, the lifting of the logging moratorium on the island, said Jose "Don" Mabulay Jr., comanager of the Samar Island Biodiversity Project (SIBP) based in Catbalogan.

"Since there is no logging zone inside the natural park they decided to pass a resolution asking Secretary Defensor to rescind the order that allows logging inside the SINP, which is a protected area," he said.

Mabulay said the PAMBs wanted Defensor to rescind his order because logging activities in the natural park were not included in their approved management plans, which serve as guidelines on the protection and conservation of the SINP.

River systems

Among the functions of the PAMB are to decide and approve matters relating to proposals, action plans, guidelines and policies and other activities for the management of a protected area such as the 333,300-hectare SINP.

President Macapagal-Arroyo had declared the SINP a protected area on Aug. 13, 2003.

The PAMB is composed of representatives of barangay, municipal and provincial governments, NGOs, POs and other stakeholders involved in the conservation and protection of the SINP.

The SINP covers 25 major river systems and 300,000 hectares of natural forest, including 120,000 hectares of old growth forest. It is the habitat of 900 species of flowering plants, 197 species of birds, and 39 species of mammals, among others. Some of the plants and animals in the area are endangered. *Reports from Blanche S. Rivera in Manila and Vicente S. Labro, PDI Visayas Bureau*

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"With our joint venture with the American Board, we are not limited to education graduates," Gibbs said. "We have a great opportunity to place thousands of Filipino professionals as teachers in the US using this alternate route to teacher certification."

Engineers, accountants, too

The program is open to teachers, professionals who want to be "career-switchers," and fresh graduates of "any four-year bachelor's degree," Gibbs said. Job experience is not a requirement, he said.

"We can take engineers, accountants, the cross-section of professions," Gibbs said.

Told that the program may just contribute to the Philippines' chronic lack of highly qualified teachers, Gibbs replied: "I believe in free enterprise, I believe in opening up the markets that would allow an opportunity for people to succeed."

"Let's not not hold them back. So many Filipinos are already being held back. Let's give them an opportunity to advance," he said.

Applications and related procedures for the "Passport" program are mainly done online, including tests designed to determine an applicant's "strengths and weaknesses," and depth of knowledge.

The firm offers an optional review program for applicants.

Successful applicants can then teach math, science, English and special education subjects in US elementary or high schools, he said.

Pinoys have edge

Married to a Filipino, Gibbs believes Filipinos enjoy an edge over other Asian candidates not only in terms of their academic or professional qualifications but also because "they are very hardworking, fun-loving and non-confrontational."

"They acclimate very quickly in a new environment, particularly in the United States," he said.

E-World aims to place 500 teachers from the Philippines in the US through "Passport" in the next 12 months, he added.

Before the program was offered, the company had deployed around 280 teachers in the United States since 2003. The applicants went the "traditional" way by first finishing an education course or earning a required number of units in that course, and then getting a license to teach in the Philippines.

500 teachers a year

"Our goal is to place 500 teachers next year and increase it by 500 every year until 2010," Gibbs said.

The state of Florida alone will need over 30,000 new teachers when the new school year opens in September 2006, he said.

According to E-World, there are currently some 10,000 foreign-trained teachers in the United States, mostly from Europe, South America and Asia.

Gonzales a 'spoiled brat,' say leftists

By Luige A. del Puerto

NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER Norberto Gonzales is a "spoiled brat" going around town spewing unfounded accusations while refusing to be held accountable for his statements, according to the Bayan Muna party-list group.

Nathaniel Santiago, Bayan Muna secretary general, yesterday refuted Gonzales' accusations against leftist groups in an e-mail message to the INQUIRER.

"Gonzales is a clear and present danger to many Filipinos. His red-baiting since 2004 had been translated into cold-blooded murders of activists. His anti-Left discourse is passé, counterproductive, incendiary and incompatible with any authentic democratic democracy," Santiago said.

Gonzales last week said the communist insurgency remained the biggest threat to the state and that communists were taking advantage of the political uncertainty in the capital.

He also said the Citizens' Congress for Truth and Accountability, the so-called people's court that is "trying" Ms Arroyo, insulted the country's courts.

Santiago reminded Gonzales he had yet to divulge what he knew about the controversial contract with the US-based lobby firm Venable LLP, which was the subject of a Senate inquiry.

Now that Gonzales appeared to be well, Santiago said the Senate should grill him on the Venable contract.

Santiago said Gonzales was harboring "illusions and hallucinations about the Left."

On the charge that leftist leaders were hiding behind legal fronts, Santiago said that "while it is public knowledge that Satur Ocampo was a former spokesman and peace negotiator of the NDF [National Democratic Front], this previous connection with the armed communist movement did not hinder millions in voting for Bayan Muna."

He pointed out that Bayan Muna emerged as the No. 1 party-list group in the past two elections.

'Marcos funds spent lawfully'

THE GOVERNMENT "LAWFULLY" spent the money it had recovered from the alleged illegal wealth of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos, Malacañang said yesterday.

"The recovered money from the Marcos wealth belongs to the people and has been spent lawfully under this principle," Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said.

Senators the other day were aghast to find out that the Palace had already spent P27 billion of the P35-billion in Swiss deposits of Marcos recovered by the government.

Budget Secretary Romulo Neri told the senators that the money had been spent on agrarian reform "in accordance with law."

In a statement, Bunye noted that the money was used "for their intended beneficiaries who are in dire need of relief and amelioration... Every diligent effort has been done to ensure that the funds were used judiciously," he said.

The presidential spokesperson also said that the disbursement records "were open to scrutiny."

The Palace sent two officials to make an accounting of how the money was spent.

In a news briefing, Budget Undersecretary Laura Pascua said that of the P35 billion, only P11.65 billion remained unspent.

Pascua said that of the P35 billion, P27 billion was used for the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program while P8 billion was set aside as compensation for Marcos human rights victims in accordance with a pending bill in Congress. *Christine O. Avendaño*

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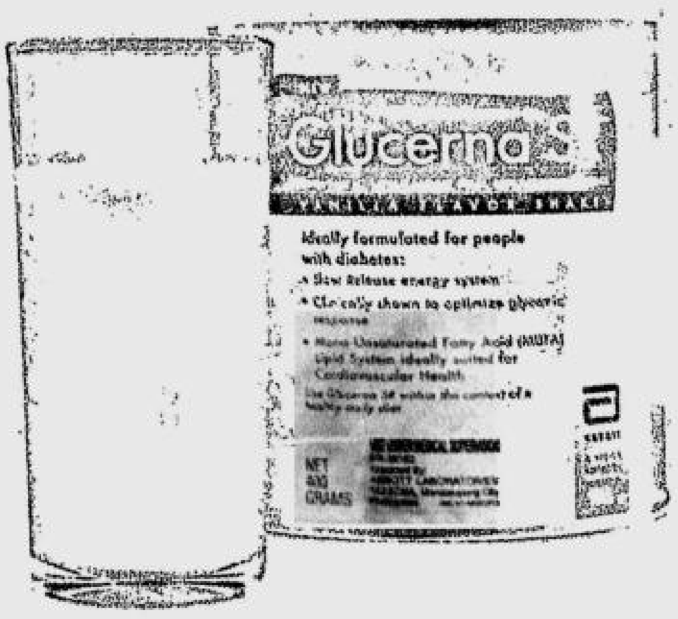

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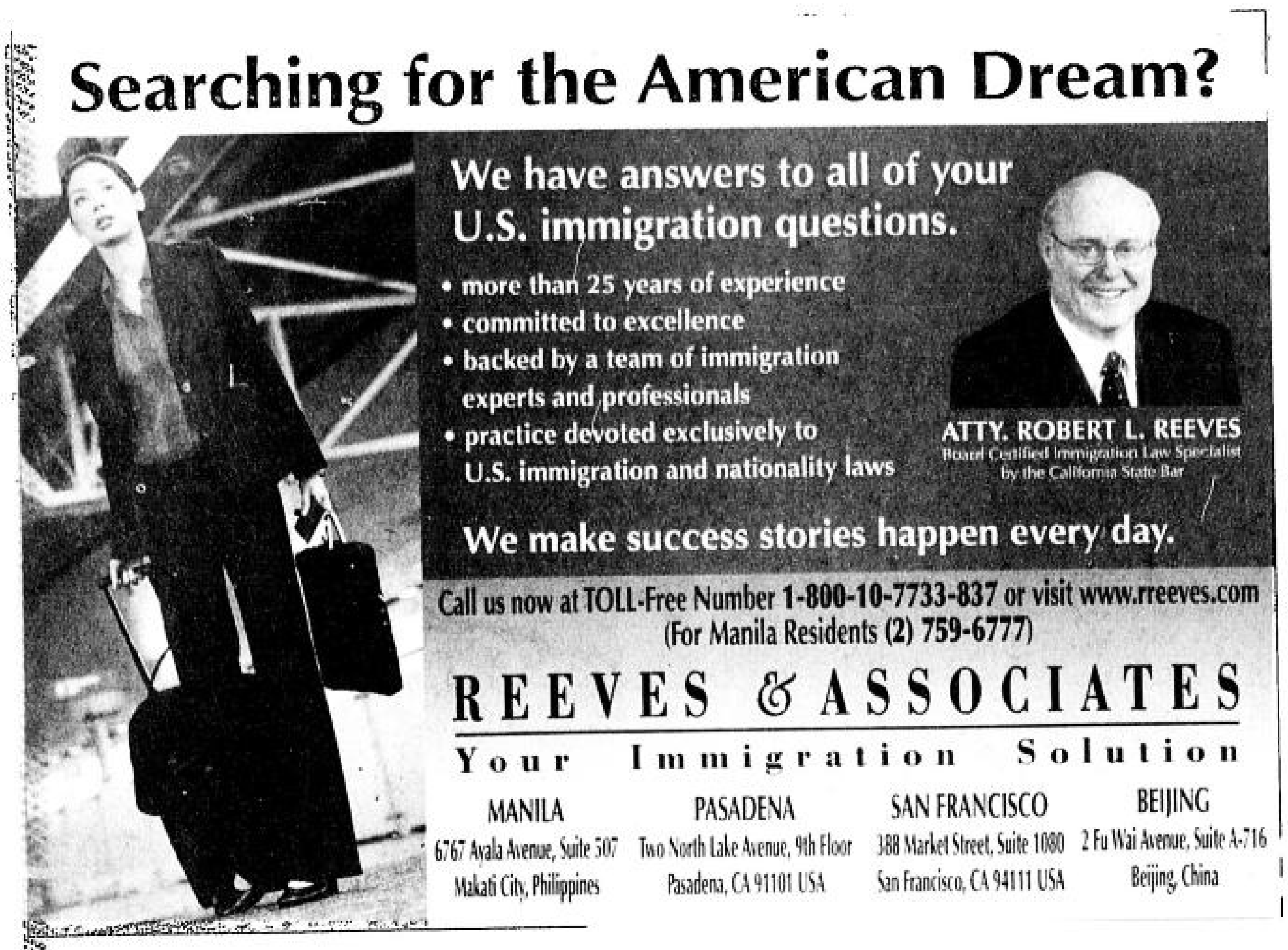

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House clamors for ₱70-M pork back

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the House protested the decision of the Senate to scrutinize the proposed P1.05-trillion budget for 2006 this early.

Several congressmen stood up to denounce the senators for encroaching on their prerogative to review the proposed budget first.

But Andaya acknowledged that the Senate had conducted parallel budget deliberations during the presidency of Fidel Ramos.

Primary jurisdiction

He, however, was quick to caution senators against approving the national budget on their own, without waiting for the House version.

"They cannot disapprove, slash or add any item in the budget. They can ask policy questions and scrutinize the operations of departments, but to actually approve the budget, that cannot be done at this point," Andaya said.

He said the "primary jurisdiction rests with the House."

Under the Constitution, the Senate's role is limited to proposing amendments, or concurring with the House version of the proposed budget.

"They cannot propose or concur with something that has yet to be approved by the House. There must be a basis for such proposal or concurrence," Andaya said.

Delay

The Senate has convened as a committee of the whole to review the proposed budget for next year on the grounds that the delay in the House approval of the budget could lead to the reenactment of the 2005 budget.

Andaya explained that the failure of many agencies to submit additional requirements to support their budget requests was the main reason for the "slight delay" in the House budget hearings.

After numerous postponements due to lack of a quorum, the appropriations committee will resume deliberations on the proposed budget on Thursday.

He said the agencies had been swamped with queries that they were having problems assembling the needed information. The nature of the requested information ranged from "the sublime to just plain curiosity."

"One agency spent more than P100 million for consultants last year, and a congressman wanted a list of these people and their qualifications. The agency will have to dig up the personnel files. This is a hassle but don't you think that this not a legitimate request?" he said.

Eagle-eyed

"Another agency is going to spend P4 billion in salaries, but an eagle-eyed member of the committee has this suspicion that the agency budgeted the request on total authorized, not actual, number of employees using the maximum in each salary grade level, so he would like to have a second look."

One party-list congressman had even asked for a brief on the government's negotiating strategy for the forthcoming World Trade Organization ministerial conference in Hong Kong.

Andaya said three people would take three days to collate the data.

Some answers have to come from halfway across the world, Andaya said. "We have, for example, hundreds of runaway Filipinas stranded in the foreign capital of a Middle East country and a congressman from Mindanao wants to know what the Department of Foreign Affairs can do for each of them, and the embassy there has to cable the case files of each to Manila," he said.

338 agencies

The chair of the appropriations committee said the committee secretariat was drawing up a list of "small agencies whose budgets will no longer be subjected to rigorous scrutiny."

The 2006 budget bill encompasses 338 agencies with stand-alone appropriations. It also covers the budgets of 113 state colleges and universities.

Andaya said the committee had not given up its "fighting target" of wrapping up the budget hearings and floor debates on the bill by early December.

In Malacañang, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye moved to assuage the fears of some senators that two new items in the proposed 2006 national budget were pork barrel funds.

New funds

Bunye said it was "misleading" to think that the P5-billion Kilos Asenso Support Fund and the P3-billion Kalayaan Barangay Program Fund, both included in the proposed budget, were pork barrel funds.

"[T]hese are funds for the 10-point pro-poor agenda designed to put more food on the table, shelter over families and education for those who cannot afford it," Bunye said in a statement.

"We have comprehensive and detailed plans on how all public programs are carried out and Cabinet members have been instructed to explain details of the budget," Bunye said.

Senators had vowed to scrutinize the two funds in the next budget hearings.

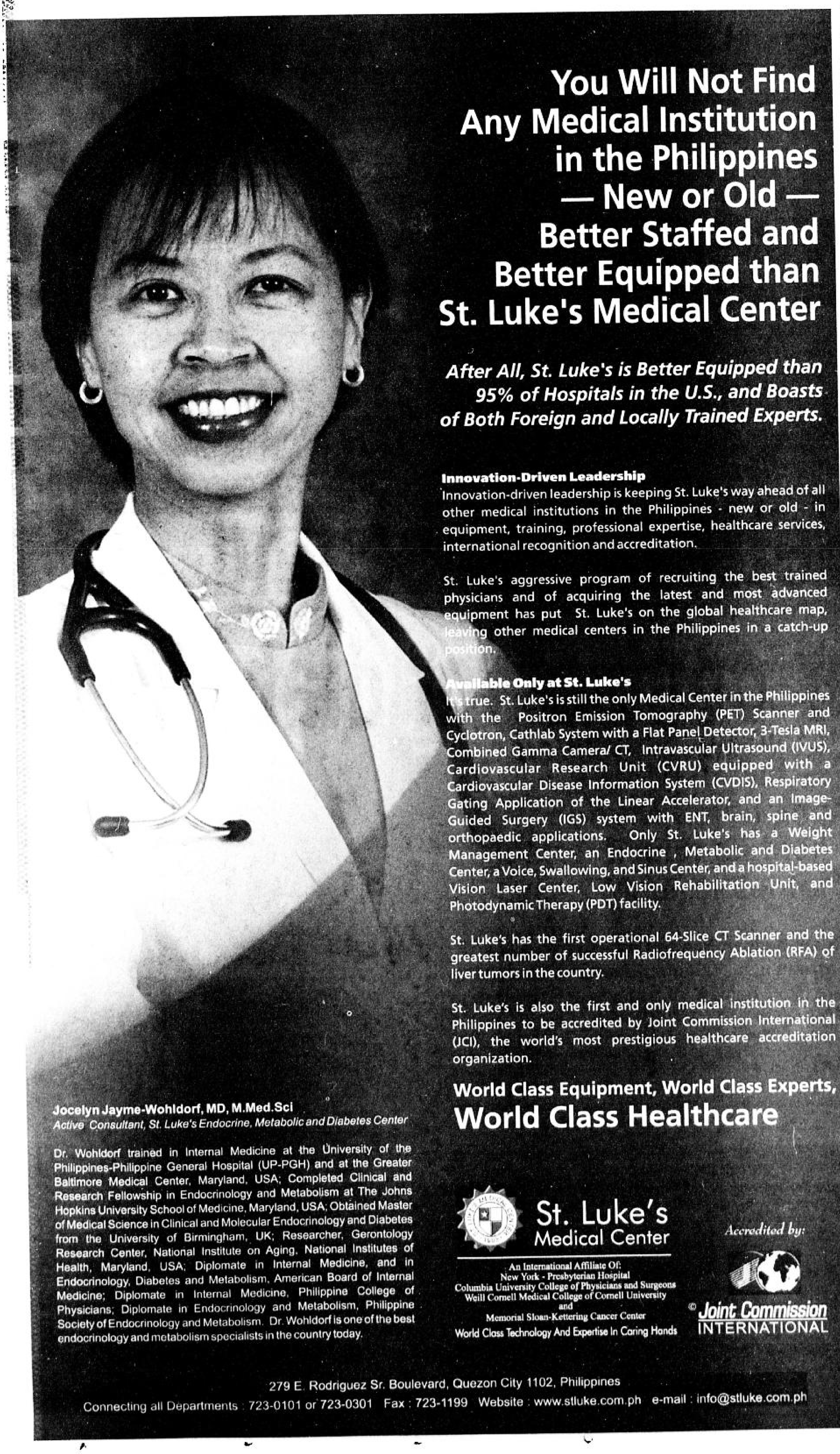
Malacañang has asked Budget Undersecretary Laura Pascua to explain the importance of the new funds.

600 barangays

Pascua told reporters that the 600 barangays that would benefit from the Kalayaan Barangay Program Fund had been identified by government officials.

"So how could you say it's pork barrel?" she said.

She said the program aimed to provide developmental activities for these conflict-affected areas. *With a report from Christine O. Avendaño*



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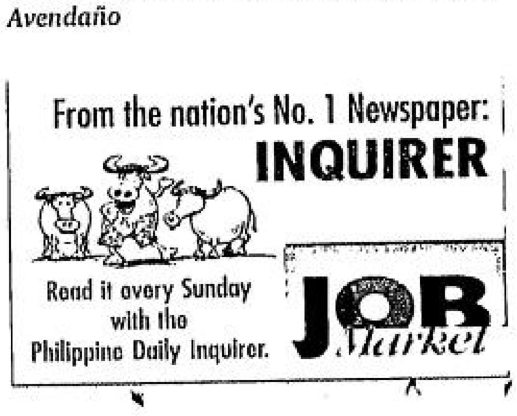

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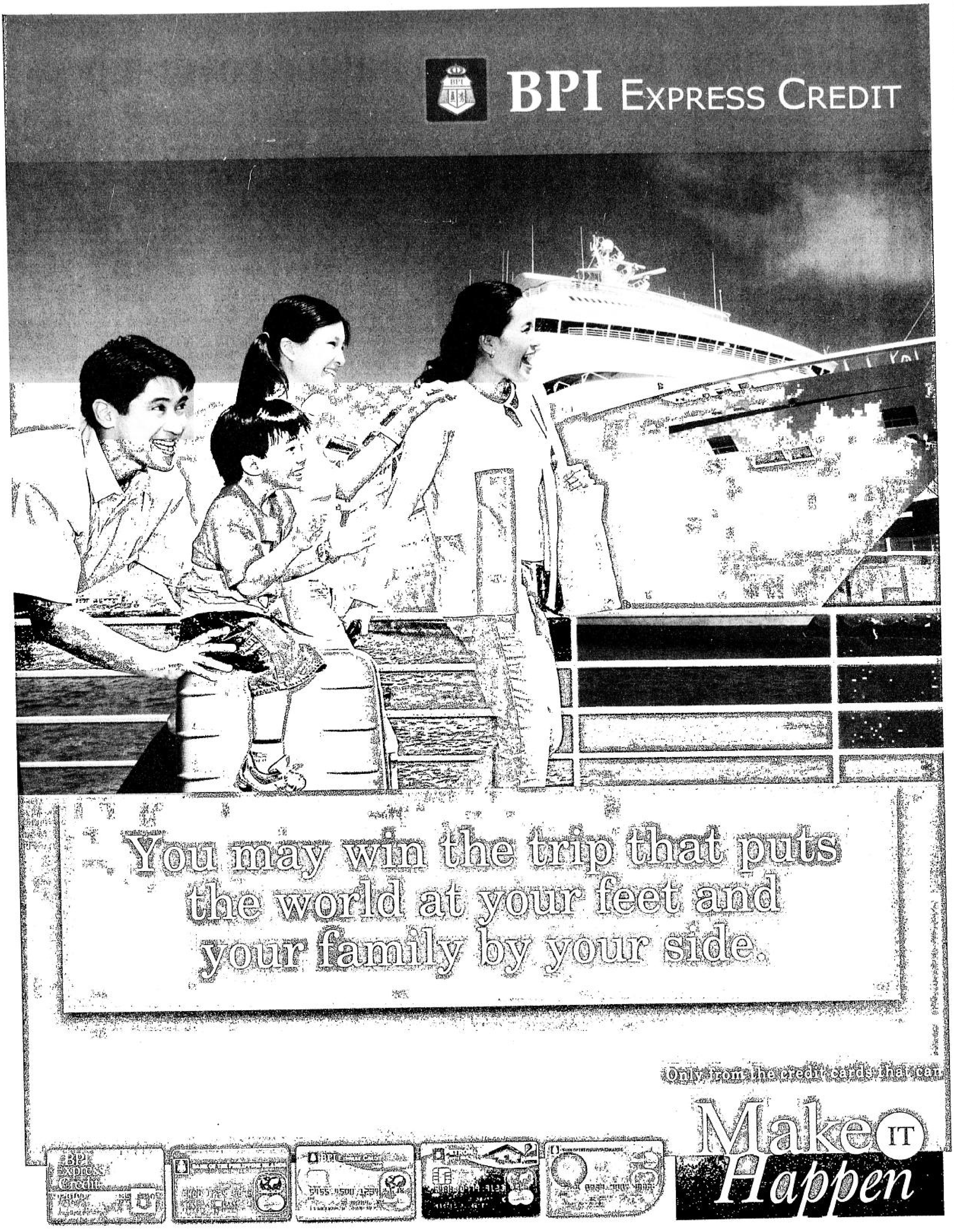
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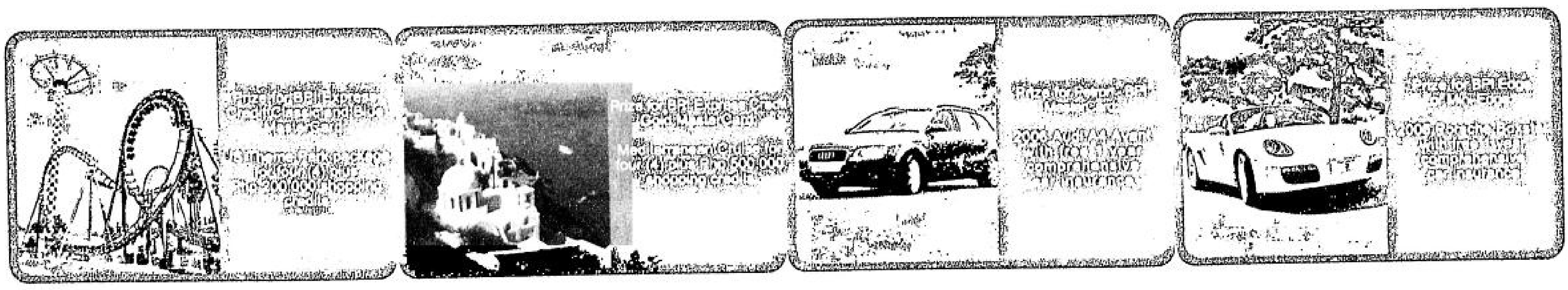

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‘Hello Garci’ probers find Palace cover-up

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rigged the May 2004 elections.

The 58-year-old President has apologized for talking with an election official but has vehemently denied fixing the balloting. In September, she escaped an impeachment attempt in Congress over the poll fraud charges.

The report acknowledged that Ms Arroyo on June 27 “confessed and apologized that such or at least similar conversations took place between herself and Comelec Commissioner Garcillano.”

This, the report said, proved that “Malacañang was clearly at an utter loss to explain the tapes and, on two occasions, tried to cover up.”

REMULLA: Principal author of 64-page report

Incredible claim

The first time was when Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye made an “incredible claim” that he had received from so-called anonymous sources an original and a tampered audio compact disc (CD).

“This only raised issues and answered none; for what was he doing with a tampered tape and what did he mean that one of the tapes was original. That it contained taped conversations of the President? He would later deny such a conclusion,” the report said.

The second time was the release of audios purportedly between deposed President Joseph Estrada and unknown persons allegedly plotting to assassinate Ms Arroyo.

The audio tape was “suspiciously short and clearly spurious, not to say unquestionably fabricated,” and released to the public “by an administration ally that no one believed,” referring to Gov. Luis “Chavit” Singson of Ilocos Sur.

Tapes fabricated?

But the report said it could not be discounted that lawyer Alan Paguia, who released his version of wiretaps in a compact disc format, and former Sen. Francisco Tatad had links to Estrada.

“It is therefore difficult to escape the conclusion that the so-called wiretap tapes, whether genuine in whole or in part, or completely fabricated, just materialized out of thin air and fell fortuitously on the laps of the persons who brought them to public attention,” it said.

“Indeed, there is a compelling reason to believe that their production or acquisition ... were actively sought and were components of a plan involving several persons and considerable financial resources, with the aim of embarrassing the President into leaving office or, failing that, toppling the government by the political mass action generated by the scandal.”

The committee failed to establish the authenticity of the recordings in spite of Ms Arroyo’s public apology and said they were inadmissible “for any purpose in any forum.”

What legal effect the playing of the tapes in open hearing has on the Anti-Wiretapping Law itself “remains to be seen,” the report said. It said only “decriminalizing” illegal wiretaps “may produce the key testimony on this score.”

“What remains to be done is the authentication of the tapes by a credible body, local or foreign, which could at least inform Congress as to what the latest forensic science can say about them,” it said.

Recommendations

The report recommended the following:

- Amend and review Republic Act No. 4200 and election laws.
- Task the committee on national defense with exercising oversight powers on the management of intelligence information.
- Enact laws to professionalize the Armed Forces and other national security agencies.
- Pass a cyber-crime prevention law.

The report wants appropriate House committees to “pursue the case” against Garcillano, issue a warrant of arrest for lawyer Samuel Ong, review pertinent rules of the aviation industry, including the arrival and departure of aircraft, and removal of transportation officials “should it be shown that they have intentionally or negligently allowed Mr. Garcillano to escape the summons of Congress.”

Ong, a former deputy chief of the National Bureau of Investigation who claimed he had the “mother of all tapes,” has disappeared. Garcillano has reportedly fled the country and his whereabouts are not known.

Purely in aid of legislation

In a text message, Anakpawis party-list Rep. Rafael Mariano, without citing the contents of the report, said the draft was “purely in aid of legislation.”

“It has no teeth. It refrained from answering vital questions raised by the Hello Garci CDs, especially Ms Arroyo’s accountability. The committees can still correct the shortcomings of the report in (today’s) executive session. But if the committees failed to cure its defects, the Garci scandal will never be a closed book contrary to Malacañang’s claim.”

Probe resumes Thursday

Senators yesterday disagreed with Environment Secretary Michael Defensor’s claim on Monday that the wiretapping scandal was over.

Sen. Rodolfo Biazon, chair of the Senate committee on national defense and security, announced the resumption tomorrow of its separate investigation into the wiretapping controversy.

Biazon was also riled by the statement of National Security Adviser Norberto Gonzales that the wiretaps were insignificant, prompting the reopening of the investigation.

“He should be fired,” Biazon said. “His continued occupation of his position is also a threat to national security.”

Military probe

Also yesterday, Vice Adm. Mateo Mayuga said a fact-finding board was continuing its investigation into the alleged involvement of top military officials in the wiretapping scandal.

“It’s not yet complete. We’re still collating documents,” said Mayuga, the Armed Forces inspector general who heads the five-member board.

Since the inquiry started on July 26, the board had interviewed 73 persons, mostly members of the military Task Force HOPE (Honest, Orderly and Peaceful Elections).

They included four generals mentioned in the tape: Lt. Gen. Hermogenes Esperon, the Army chief; Maj. Gen. Gabriel Habacon, Army 1st Infantry Division chief; Lt. Gen. Roy Kyamko, retired Southern Command chief, and Brig. Gen. Francisco Gudani, the retired Philippine Military Academy deputy superintendent.

Gudani is facing court-martial for defying the President’s order against testifying in a Senate investigation. He testified on Sept. 28 on alleged election irregularities in Lanao del Sur.

The board has said its investigation would focus on the conduct of military personnel during the elections, and not on establishing if there had been cheating. *With reports from Juliet Labog-Javellana, Norman Bordadora, Nancy Carvajal and Dona Z. Pazzibugan*

‘This is more difficult than Jalosjos case’

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represent the 22-year-old.

She will be backed by five fellow lawyers from the CJL and the Accra Law Firm, one of the leading law offices in the country.

“I’m not saying I’m pessimistic [about the Subic case], but this is going to be a long slog,” said Legarda, who is providing *pro bono* or free legal services to the victim.

In the Jalosjos case, she said, it took all of 450 days from the arraignment to the sentencing in December 1997. And this involved daily hearings four times a week.

This is why Legarda is concerned about the one-year deadline under the RP-US Visiting Forces Agreement to resolve the case. She said it was hardly possible for a Philippine court to hand down a verdict in one year.

Political factor

And then there is the political factor, Legarda said.

While the 11-year-old girl went up against a wealthy and well-connected Zamboanga del Norte lawmaker, the woman from Zamboanga is fighting members of the military of the world’s only superpower.

“What I told the family of the girl is that whatever happens, whether there will be a conviction or acquittal, the political fallout will be great,” Legarda said.

She said Philippine officials would always protect RP-US relations, preserve Subic as a tourist haven and place for R&R (rest and recreation) of American military personnel—and “allow the Bush administration to have anything [it wants].”

“In fact, the [police] in Subic are having difficulty in filing cases in the prosecution office [in Olongapo] because it tends to dismiss cases [against Americans],” Legarda said.

In a statement yesterday, Senate Majority Leader Francis Pangilinan expressed concern over the Subic case, saying 3,000 rape cases against Americans had been dismissed in the Olongapo City court.

This is why Legarda has requested the transfer of the hearings of the case from Olongapo to the Department of Justice office in Manila.

“We are all here in Manila, including the accused, so why should we have the case heard in Olongapo?” she said.

Formal request

Legarda formally asked Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez yesterday to transfer the case to the DOJ main office. But Gonzalez said on Monday that he was not inclined to do so.

“This request is being made in view of our previous experience with the Office of the City Prosecutor of Olongapo which culminated in the dismissal of rape and other sexual abuse cases,” Legarda said in a letter-request.

She added: “To obviate this unfortunate turn of events, it has been our policy and practice to have the preliminary investigation of such cases conducted in the [DOJ].”

Legarda said she hoped Gonzalez would approve the request before the start of the preliminary investigation in Olongapo on Nov. 23.

She also pointed out that the Olongapo prosecutor could have conducted an inquest to immediately find out if there was probable cause against the suspects, but that the latter instead set the case for preliminary investigation.

“So this is going to be delayed, and [the process] would take longer,” said CJL executive director Cristina Sevilla, who delivered the letter-request.

But earlier, Olongapo Prosecutor Prudencio Jalandoni said an inquest could not be conducted because when he and his staff arrived at the Subic Bay Freeport, the US Embassy had already taken custody of the servicemen.

Ignorance

Legarda told the INQUIRER that Philippine officials did not seem to know what rights the woman had and what help she could get under the terms of the VFA.

She said it was not even clear when the one-year deadline would begin.

Legarda also said some officials in Subic were protective of the Americans and were helping pressure the woman to drop the case.

LEGARDA: There’s the political factor officials woud always protect RP-US relations

“I heard—and this is probably gossip—that when [the woman] went to complain, someone [at the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority] said she should just settle the case,” Legarda said.

But Legarda made it clear that it was not SBMA administrator Arman Arreza who had made such overtures.

“When [the woman] heard there were witnesses coming forward to help her, she rejected [the offer to settle],” Legarda said.

She said that as in other rape cases, she would not blame the woman if the latter decided to settle.

“But as of now, the [woman’s] family is determined to fight,” Legarda said.

She said the woman and her family were grateful for the support of many witnesses and sectors.

“I think she might [pursue the case], except that this is not an easy case,” Legarda said.

On the basis of evidence

Asked if she felt that her client’s case was strong, Legarda said: “All cases can [be lost or won] only on the basis of evidence. I don’t want to say I will win or lose in this case.”

She said one good aspect was that there were many witnesses who had come forward and who could still be tapped, unlike in the Jalosjos case where there was no witness.

The difficulty in the Subic case also comes from the fact that Legarda came in 10 days late, after the woman had submitted her sworn statement.

“In the Jalosjos case, we had the girl from Day One,” Legarda said, adding:

“I’m OK with [the woman’s] sworn statement, but she needs witnesses. There are certain things she did that needs corroboration.”

Legarda said she had asked the women’s and children’s desk of the Subic police to do follow-up investigations and get the statements of at least nine more witnesses.

DNA samples

Legarda said she would also ask for DNA samples from the five identified servicemen for comparison with the sample from a used condom recovered from the scene.

She also said she was not certain whether she would get the help of the Department of Foreign Affairs in securing the DNA samples.

She noted that despite her request, she had yet to get photocopies of the identification cards and passports of the servicemen.

“The US will have to cooperate,” Legarda said.

As in her other cases, Legarda is determined to apply all her legal skills to help the woman from Zamboanga.

She will be assisted by other female CJL lawyers Minerva ‘June’ Ambrosio, Cristina Sevilla, Diana Lee, Sheila Bazar and Amy Arellano.

But it won’t be an all-woman legal team.

“What’s good now is that the IBP (Integrated Bar of the Philippines) has instructed Rogelio Vinluan of Accra Law to assist us. He is one of the best litigators in the country,” Legarda said.

She said she was also hoping for one good-luck sign—that Chief State Prosecutor Jovencito Zuño would be assigned special prosecutor for the Subic case.

Zuño was the state prosecutor for the Jalosjos case.

Not inclined to transfer case

On Monday, Gonzalez said he was not inclined to transfer the case to Manila unless the prosecutor handling the case in Olongapo showed any bias.

“There seems to be no reason [to transfer the case]. The prosecutor in Olongapo, so far, has shown that he is up to the job. So it would be unfair to just relieve him and transfer the case here,” he said.

“As a general principle, it has got to be in Subic because that is where the supposed incident took place. That is jurisdictional according to the Rules of Court. Right now, I don’t see why we should transfer. But we are not saying that it cannot be transferred,” he said.

Gonzalez said he would remove City Prosecutor Jalandoni from the case only under “certain extraordinary situations,” like “a show of bias one way or the other,” or “some other reasons.”

He said transferring the case to Manila at this time “would seem to indicate that we have lost confidence in him or whatever... ” *With a report from Philip C. Tubeza*

Legislative body to review VFA

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

BECAUSE OF CONCERNS FOR the fate of the rape case against the six US servicemen, the Legislative Oversight Committee of the Visiting Forces Agreement (Lovfa) decided to convene tomorrow to review the VFA.

Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago, who cochairs the Lovfa with Cebu Rep. Antonio Cuenco, said it was time it reviewed the provisions on custody, preliminary investigation, bail and trial of US offenders because of conflicting statements by Philippine officials on where the alleged rapists should be held while the case was pending.

“In my view as a lawyer, the VFA is deliberately vague on the custody [of US offenders] before judgment,” Santiago yesterday told the INQUIRER.

Secretaries Alberto Romulo of foreign affairs, Avelino Cruz of defense and Raul Gonzalez of justice, as well as VFA Commission executive director Zosimo Paredes, have been invited to the hearing, which, Santiago said, would be deemed a review of the VFA.

Also invited were Katrina Legarda, the lawyer of the alleged rape victim, University of the Philippines College of Law Dean Salvador Carlota, Fr. Joaquin Bernas, Chief State Prosecutor Jovencito Zuño and Timoteo Soriano, driver of the rented van where the alleged rape took place.

Santiago had earlier said it was premature to review the VFA. But she said there were alarming developments in this case that needed to be addressed.

She cited Paredes’ statement that there was no provision in the VFA requiring the detention of the American suspects in the Philippines.

“I want to educate the Americans that there are provisions, although not direct, which state that they do not have automatic custody of the offenders,” Santiago said.

She said that she would “investigate” the statements and actions of foreign affairs officials, and that she wanted to know why the United States was allowed automatic custody of the servicemen.

Santiago also said she had invited Legarda to explain her reported statement that the one-year deadline for the resolution of the case was not practical because it took a long time for cases to be resolved in Philippine courts.

Kids take up arms as way out of poverty, study says

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Pushed to the wall

“These children also dream of living an ordinary life—playing, going to school and being with their loved ones,” Simbulan said.

“But they are being pushed to the wall. For most of them, the only way is to fight back,” she said.

Among the main reasons children join armed movements are poverty and government neglect, being a victim of abuse and injustice, secessionist advocacy and support for a “holy war,” the study said.

Playing has become luxury

Play, one of the fundamental rights of children, has become a luxury for most of these child soldiers, Simbulan said. “Although many of them say they also have time for playing, priority is given to the performance of their tasks at the camp,” she said.

Because of this, “child soldiers do not feel that play is an integral component of childhood life and is important in their growth and development as humans,” according to the study.

Most of the child soldiers were able to continue their education through in-camp education and training, but it is focused on understanding the history of armed conflict, the group’s political and ideological program, as well as its strategies, the study noted.

Voluntary participation

Simbulan said the most disturbing finding of the study was the “voluntary” nature of the child soldiers’ membership or participation in the armed movements.

She said all of the respondents said they had not been forced or coerced into joining the armed groups.

On the other hand, in countries like Sudan, Somalia and Sri Lanka, children are often abducted or tortured into taking up arms, she pointed out.

Simbulan said the child soldiers’ belief in the armed group’s ideology and their little or no trust in the government had made it so much harder for the government and civil society to find ways to remove them from armed conflict situations.

The results only show that the state had “failed to provide for the requirements necessary for children to grow as complete persons, including education, rest and recreation, food and clothing, and the need to be protected from all forms of exploitation, abuse, violence and neglect,” the study said.

Recommendations

Among the study recommendations were the immediate delivery of basic services to communities affected by armed conflict, development of income-generating opportunities for families in these areas, inclusion of the issue of child soldiers in the peace process, and the formulation of methods and strategies addressing children’s developmental needs.

At the time of the study, 59 percent of those interviewed were still active, and 41 percent had been demobilized. A total of 168 respondents were male and 26 were female.

Almost half of the respondents were in Mindanao, particularly in Davao, Compostela Valley, North Cotabato and Iligan. A third were in Central, Eastern and Western Visayas. In Luzon, respondents were interviewed in Bicol, Southern Tagalog and the Cordilleras.

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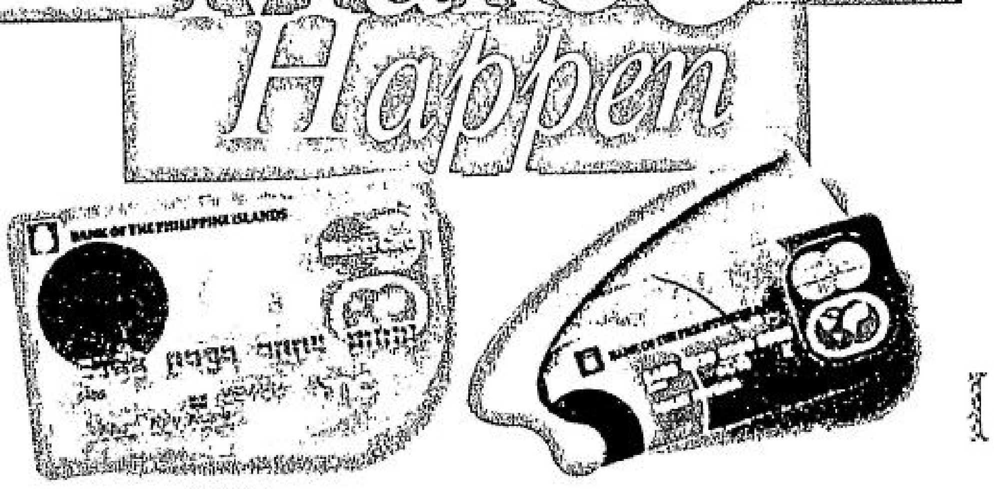

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France to extend emergency powers

PARIS—FRENCH PRESIDENT JACQUES CHIRAC'S government decided on Monday to ask parliament to extend emergency powers for three months to quell unrest which he said had caused a deep malaise.

"We will respond by being firm, by being fair and by being faithful to the values of France," Chirac said in his first televised address to the nation on unrest by youths in poor suburbs over racism, a lack of jobs and a sense of exclusion.

Chirac, who has been under fire for saying little during the crisis, also announced the creation of a voluntary task force to help young people find work. He said it would provide training for 50,000 young people in 2007.

Although the violence was waning after reaching a peak a week ago, police said youths destroyed 284 vehicles in petrol bomb attacks on Sunday night.

"I think it's over. I think the young people have let out their anger, and I think the government got the message," said Bernard Moutei, 40, walking among the high-rise estates in the Clichy-sous-Bois suburb of Paris where the unrest began.

Disturbances began with the deaths on Oct. 27 of two youths apparently fleeing police, but grew into wider protests by youths of African and Arab origin as well as white youngsters.

The government approved emergency powers last week that went into force on Nov. 9 for 12 days. On Monday it agreed on a draft law to extend the measures until February. The law goes before the lower house of parliament on Tuesday and its passage seems certain because the ruling center-right party dominates the two chambers.

Chirac called for calm, urged people to rally together and said the main priority remained to restore public order.

"These events bear witness to a deep malaise," Chirac said. *Reuters*

Australia hit by mass labor protests

SYDNEY—HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF workers staged what unionists called the biggest protest in Australia's history Tuesday against Prime Minister John Howard's proposed labor reforms.

The central business districts of major cities were brought to a halt by masses of chanting marchers accusing Howard's Liberal-National coalition of attacking fundamental rights and trying to crush the trade unions.

"What we see today is the largest gathering ever of workers across Australia," Unions New South Wales secretary John Robertson told a rally of more than 30,000 people in Sydney.

Demonstrators had the support of the premiers of Australia's six states, which are all governed by the opposition Labor Party, whose leader Kim Beazley predicted the reforms would bring down Howard's government.

The proposed laws, which cut the power of unions in favor of individual workplace contracts, were passed by the lower house of parliament last week and go before the Senate later this month.

They are being promoted by Howard's conservative government as a means of creating jobs and boosting the economy, but critics say they will cut pay, rights to holidays, rest breaks, bonuses and allowances.

Beazley and Queensland state Premier Peter Beattie joined more than 15,000 protesters in the east coast city of Brisbane, one of 300 rallies nationwide which unionists say will draw a total of half-a-million protesters.

"This will bring the Howard government down unless they back off. But they probably won't and (these reforms) will take them out," Beazley told the crowd.

The Labor premiers have threatened court action against the legislation, and Beazley has promised to repeal the laws if Labor comes to power in the next election, due in 2007.

Howard, in power for nearly 10 years, was mocked in rallies in Australia's largest city, Sydney, with chants of "Hey hey ho ho, Johnny Howard's got to go" ringing through the streets.

In the second biggest city of Melbourne, police estimated that more than 150,000 people rallied, while 10,000 turned out in Adelaide and 20,000 were expected to march in Perth.

In an address broadcast live by satellite to rallies across the country, Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) president Sharan Burrow said the reforms "will strip away what has taken over 100 years to build". "Every union leader in Australia is ready to fight like we have never fought before," she said.

Former Labor prime minister Bob Hawke told the protest in Melbourne: "This is a fight which you cannot lose, you must not lose—we must win it if Australia is to remain the country we think it is." Hawke, Beazley and Labor premiers attacked the proposed shake-up as a further "Americanization" of policy and destructive to Australia's proud claim of a "fair go" for all. *AFP*

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Strong quake hits Japan

TOKYO—AN EARTHquake measuring 6.9 on the Richter scale shook northern Japan Tuesday, forcing thousands of people to flee their coastal homes as small tsunami waves hit the Pacific coast.

No damage or casualties were reported, but it was the latest strong tremor this year in a nation constantly bracing for a massive earthquake.

Tsunamis measuring up to 50 cm brushed the east coast of northern Japan about one hour after the undersea quake hit at 6:39 a.m. (2139 GMT), local officials said.

The focus of the shallow quake was located about 350 km off Japan's main Honshu island, the meteorological agency said.

Some of the highest waves were observed in Ofunato, a city in Iwate prefecture in the northern part of Honshu.

"There has not been any report of damage so far," Ofunato disaster prevention official Haruki Ito told AFP.

"But we are now asking people to check aquaculture equipment. This is the season for oyster and scallop farming. We may hear of some damage later from some oceanic facilities," he said.

The coastal village of Tanohata, Iwate, advised some 900 people to evacuate, village official Masatsugu Kikuchi told broadcaster NHK. *AFP*

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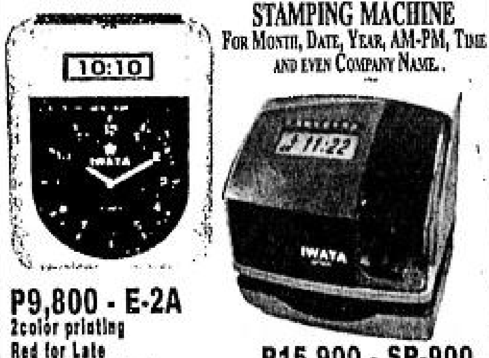

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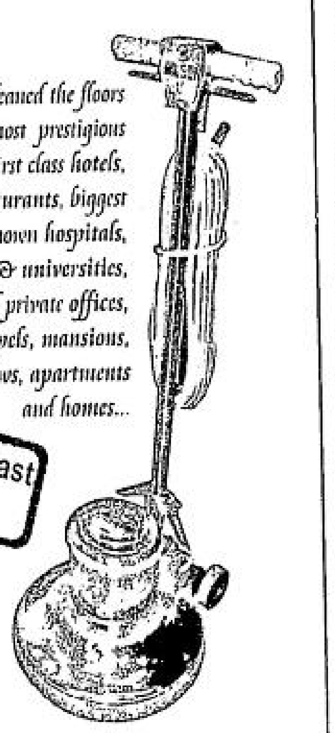

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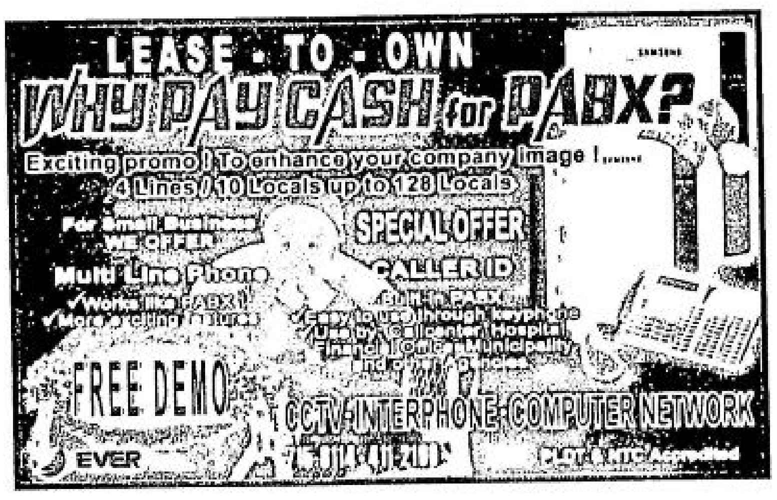

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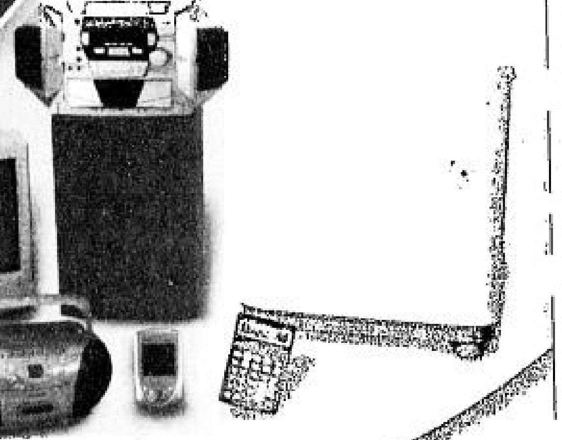

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Nuclear reactor may have been target – Australia

SYDNEY—ISLAMIC MILITANTS ARRESTED last week on charges of plotting a major terrorist bombing were caught by police near Australia's only nuclear reactor last year and underwent "jihad training" at outback camps west of Sydney, police alleged in documents released on Monday.

A police fact sheet submitted in court here also alleged that the spiritual leader of the 18 Muslims arrested in Sydney and Melbourne urged his followers to unleash "maximum damage" as part of a holy war.

The 20-page document, tendered in court on Friday but not released to the public until Monday, said three of the 18 had been stopped by police acting suspiciously near the Lucas Heights research reactor in suburban Sydney.

The men said they were in the area to ride a trail bike that was in the back of their car, but when questioned separately gave differing accounts of their activities, police said.

Police later found that a lock on a gate to a reservoir on the grounds of the facility had recently been cut, the document said.

The government's Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organization (Ansto), which operates the Sydney reactor, played down any threat.

Ansto issued a statement saying the area where the men's car was noticed "is regularly used by the public for trail bike riding and bushwalking" and that security agencies at the time did not see the trio as a threat.

It also said the fencing that had been cut near the reservoir was hundreds of meters from the reactor and not part of the Ansto facility.

Police and security agents detained the 18 before dawn on November 8 in the country's biggest counter-terrorism operation.

All were Australian-born or naturalized citizens. Officials accused them of plotting a "catastrophic" act of terrorism, although no precise targets were alleged.

The arrests heightened security fears across Australia and sparked an extraordinary terrorism alert Monday in the third largest city, Brisbane. *AFP*

WORLDBRIEFS

6 dead in Pakistan blast

KARACHI—A car bomb exploded outside an outlet of a US fast food chain in Pakistan's largest city Karachi on Tuesday, killing at least six people and wounding several others, police and rescue workers said. The vehicle blew up outside a KFC restaurant at about 8:40 a.m. (0340 GMT), Karachi police chief Mushtaq Shah told AFP. "It was a high-intensity explosion and its noise was heard in several parts of the city. It appears that the KFC was the target," Shah said. Six bodies were removed from the scene, according to Muhammad Sabri, a senior official from the Edhi Welfare Trust rescue group. The fast food outlet and a nearby bank branch were destroyed. Many other vehicles were on fire and the windows of neighboring buildings were shattered, an AFP correspondent said. Police quickly sealed off the area around the site, which is close to the upmarket Sheraton and Pearl Continental hotels. *AFP*

Bird flu outbreak reported

HONG KONG—An outbreak of bird flu has been reported in China's remote western province of Xinjiang where authorities have culled more than 200,000 birds, a Hong Kong newspaper reported. The outbreak in two counties neighboring Urumqi, the provincial capital, was discovered on Nov. 11 when 1,400 chickens were found dead, the Ta Kung Pao newspaper reported on its Web site. Experts from the agriculture department were sent to the area on Nov. 12 to investigate and samples from the dead chickens were sent to Beijing for tests. The newspaper gave no other details. China is battling to control several outbreaks of the deadly H5N1 virus in poultry. *Reuters*

Saddam deputy hunted

DUR, Iraq—US and Iraqi forces searched the home village of Saddam Hussein's fugitive number two, Izzat Ibrahim al-Duri, Monday after commanders voiced doubts over the credibility of reports of his death. Troops went house to house in the village of Dur after the US-led coalition said it was not convinced by an announcement by the outlawed Baath party that the ousted regime's most senior fugitive had died of cancer. "More than 600 Iraqi and US soldiers closed off access to the village at 7 a.m. (0400 GMT) and started to search houses," Iraqi army Sergeant Khalil al-Duri told AFP. "Searches began in the Mawashta district which is home to relatives of Izzat Ibrahim," he added. Residents said troops told them they were investigating reports that Ibrahim's body had been secretly brought to the village for burial. *AFP*

Bin Laden's brod testifies

PARIS—A half brother of Osama bin Laden testified as a witness in a long-running probe investigation into suspected money laundering, his lawyer said. Swiss citizen Yeslam Binladin, who spells his name differently from the terror leader, was questioned Monday about a US$300 million transfer to Pakistan allegedly made by one of his companies in 2000, a judicial official said, speaking anonymously because he is not authorized to release information about the case. "Mr. Binladin knows nothing about this transaction," one of his lawyers, Henri Leclerc, said. Leclerc said the account in question did not belong to Binladin and that his client had no connection to the company involved. Binladin told the French judge that two of his brothers had created the account at Swiss bank UBS to collect and redistribute family funds—and Osama bin Laden was among the beneficiaries, judicial officials said. *AP*

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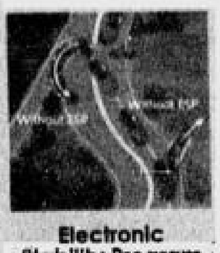

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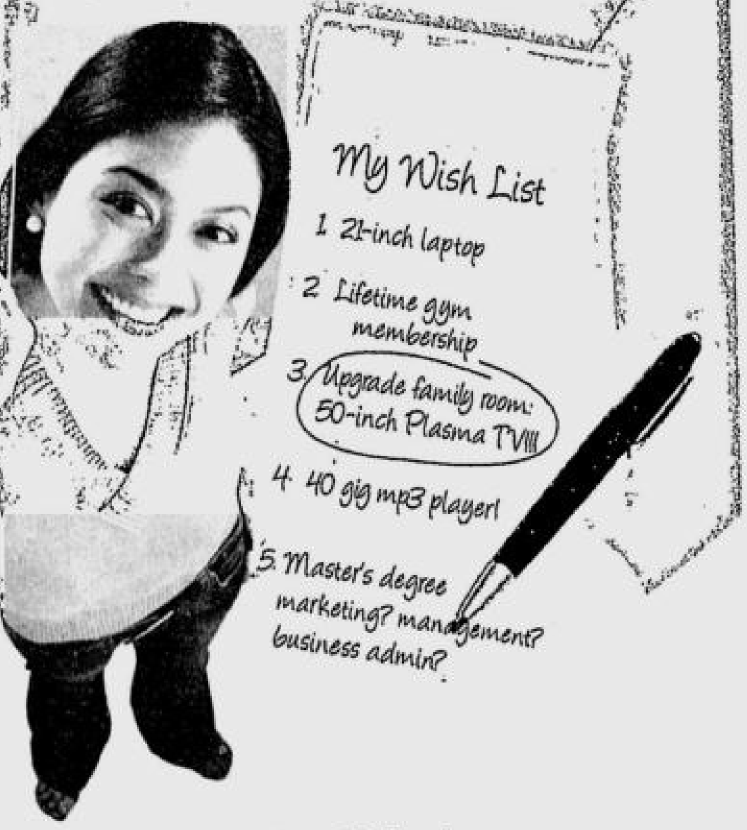
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PRINCESS Sayako and Yoshiki Kuroda REUTERS

Japanese princess weds commoner

TOKYO—JAPANESE PRINCESS SAYAKO, THE emperor's only daughter, quit the world's oldest monarchy and married a commoner Tuesday, setting out for a new life at age 36 as a middle-class housewife.

Sayako, who had insisted for years she would wait to marry, walked several steps behind the groom to a specially built Shinto altar in a prestigious Tokyo hotel in a reverse fairy-tale that has been closely followed across Japan.

Wearing a simple Western-style white dress and a single-strand pearl necklace, Sayako exchanged vows and shared a ceremonial glass of sake wine with Yoshiki Kuroda, a 40-year-old urban planner. Sayako quit her job as a part-time bird researcher and, under a now controversial tradition, loses her imperial status by marrying a commoner.

She acknowledged she had only a remote idea about her new life in a rented home in middle-class Tokyo. "I was very glad that the emperor and empress think that this new life is not a total change but an extension of my life so far," Sayako said in a five-minute press conference with her new husband.

"I would like to start a new life as a member of the Kuroda family by learning various things," she said.

Her husband said: "While respecting each other's views, I would like to make a quiet home where you can feel at ease." The princess is the first Japanese royal woman in modern times to wed in her 30s. It mirrors the trend in Japan, which is struggling to counter a declining birthrate as more young people choose to put off families for the sake of their careers and lifestyles.

The wedding was not accompanied by the grand, public ceremonies seen for former career diplomat Masako Owada's wedding to Crown Prince Naruhito in 1993.

The former princess later donned a kimono once worn by her mother and attend a champagne reception with 150 guests, including Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko who broke tradition by attending their daughter's wedding reception. *AFP*

THIS shard of pottery is believed to carry a Semitic inscription of the name of Goliath. REUTERS

Archaeologists find Goliath's name on artifact

RAMAT GAN, ISRAEL—AN ISRAELI RESEARCHER said he has made a Goliath of a find—the first archaeological evidence suggesting the biblical story of David slaying the Philistine giant actually took place.

A shard of pottery unearthed in a decade-old dig in southern Israel carried an inscription in early Semitic style spelling "Alwat and "Wlt," likely Philistine renderings of the name Goliath, said Aren Maeir, who directed the excavation.

"This is a groundbreaking find," he said of the rust-colored ceramic. "Here we have very nice evidence the name Goliath appearing in the Bible in the context of the story of David and Goliath... is not some later literary creation."

Maeir, head of the archaeology department at Bar-Ilan University near Tel Aviv, told Reuters that his excavators found the shard, possibly part of a bowl, about two meters underground at Tell es-Shafi. The mound where the dig took place is widely believed to be the site of the ancient city of Gath, which the Bible calls Goliath's hometown.

The biblical story of the epic Philistine giant's defeat at the hands of a much smaller David who went on to become king of Israel, has long been a popular metaphor for the triumph of good over evil against all odds.

The specimen, from about 900 BC, isn't old enough to have belonged to Goliath, himself—believed to have lived around 1,000 BC Maeir said. But he added: "It is the first time in the land of Israel that we have (found) the name Goliath, or a name like Goliath. I haven't found Goliath's skeleton with the hole in the center of his forehead, but it's the first archaeological evidence form a Philistine site which lends strong credibility" to the story, the US born researcher said. *Reuters*

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Drunk with power

EDITORIAL

LEGEND SAYS KING CANUTE, TO PROVE HIS SYCOphants wrong, decided to move his throne to the seashore, from where he could make it clear he was incapable of ordering the sea to retreat. Reality tells us that the people of President Macapagal-Arroyo would like to move the presidential chair to the seashore, but time it to low tide. That way, they could issue a press release announcing the President has conquered nature by ordering the seas to retreat. The legend of King Canute was meant to teach a lesson about the limitations (and wisdom) of rulers. Instead, the Palace seems infected with a delusional belief that its occupant is living in what the Ancient Greek playwright Aristophanes called a "cloud cuckoo land," that unrealistic or fantasy state to which he compared the Athens of his day (and which might explain the allure of that posting for the modern-day philosopher of the Palace).

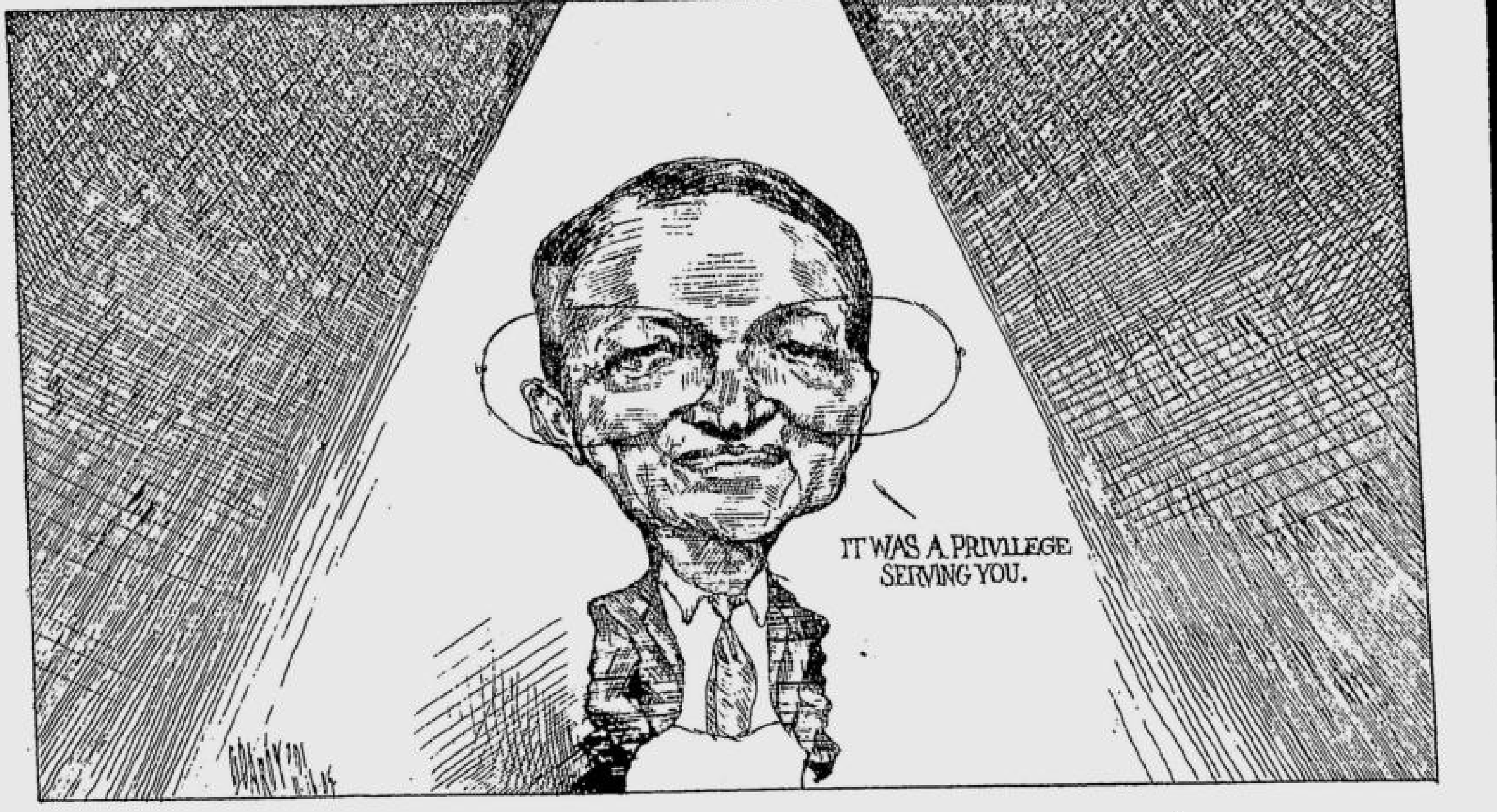
Depending on one's generation, the Heckle and Jeckle, Katzenjammer Kids, Twiddledum and Twiddledee, Ren & Stimpy of the Palace propaganda apparatus, Secretaries Michael Defensor and Norberto Gonzales, have weighed in on the Hello, Garci issue. Both proclaim the issue is at an end. Why? Because they say so. Why do they say so? Because Archbishop Angel Lagdameo says the issue has yet to find proper closure. Closure, in the minds (as it were) of the two gentlemen, consists of their saying so. In a comparison that may just go down in history with the same notoriety as the late Raul Manglapus' flippant advice about rape ("just lie back and enjoy it"), Defensor suggests, "If someone files a case against you for sexual harassment and the fiscal junks it, that's the legal process. There was no junking, they found basis for the decision." Some fiscal, some case! Not only do we not hope this is a sign of where the Subic rape case is headed. It offers nothing to the public but the same stubborn insistence on the railroading of processes in the House that has consistently resulted in the administration's political woes.

Norberto Gonzales in turn chimed in, saying: "Frankly speaking, what are we complaining about? All the politicians are behaving like, you know, the only mistake of the President probably is she was caught on tape of a particular conversation...Condemning the President by making her resign will not correct the damage that we have inflicted on ourselves...The tapes, to me, are insignificant." If Defensor insists on the virtue of the House railroad, Gonzales pleads the happiness that comes from the land of the blind where the one-eyed is king. Demanding accountability from the President, after all, is the first step in restoring balance and public confidence in our collapsing public institutions. It is not the actual cure; it is the first therapy in a treatment not even permitted to start.

As we have said: the best defense is a good offense. The President and her people are obviously worried sick about the Catholic bishops abandoning their present policy of prudence. Having counseled a dialogue, the bishops are being answered with a shrill, non-stop monologue from the Palace. All the noise, the President's factotums probably piously hope, will keep the public distracted even if the bishops embark upon, and then announce, their most recent discernment.

On television, Archbishop Oscar Cruz and Bishop Teodoro Bacani, no fans of the President, have suggested that their fellow prelates may subtly, slowly, but inexorably, begin to shift their common position toward one which is more critical of the President. Instead of awaiting this inevitability, administration allies have begun to head off such a situation, by leaking, in a manner calculated to do the most moral damage, the amounts and occurrences of government assistance to Catholic charities and dioceses. They are doing it still.

As the famous saying attributed to Louis XV of France goes, "After me the deluge." Canute had the prudence to demonstrate he was merely human; the administration would propagandize it controls the raging tide of public opinion. If it must drown, it would rather the country drowns with it, so long as it remains in charge to the last, dying, moment.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Filipino citizenship becoming very cheap

As I See It

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NEVER IN THE HISTORY OF THE PHILIPpines has Filipino citizenship been so cheap. *Dalawa sampera* (two for one centavo) as we Filipinos would say.

Filipino citizenship is granted to foreigners if they can play good basketball. Dual citizenship is given to ethnic Filipinos who have renounced their Filipino citizenship and pledged allegiance to other countries. We are going to change our Constitution to allow foreigners to own land, exploit our natural resources, dig up our minerals, catch our fish, own our mass media, and thus make Filipinos their servants in their own homeland. Now personnel of the Department of Foreign Affairs, whose duty is to reserve the Philippines for the Filipinos and keep foreigners out, are working to grant Filipino citizenship to a person who deserted the Philippines a long time ago, renounced his Filipino citizenship and became an American citizen, so that he can be eligible to be a National Artist of the Philippines.

The local artist community is in an uproar over reports that the Philippine Consulate in New York is moving heaven and earth to make printmaker Manuel Rodriguez a Filipino citizen to make him qualify for nomination for the National Artist Awards. Rodriguez is an American citizen living in the United States.

I know him; he is a good artist. I used to feature his works in This Week Magazine when he had a gallery on A. Mabini Street, Ermita, Manila, back in the mid-1950s. I own one of his paintings. I would even say that perhaps he is a worthy candidate for National Artist.

Unfortunately, the National Artist Awards are exclusively for Filipino citizens. And it is not as if we are lacking in Filipino artists worthy of that rare honor. There are many other artists waiting in the wings for the awards. Besides, there are other ethnic Filipino artists, more accomplished and better-known, and more deserving of the award than Rodriguez.

There is Romeo Tabuena, now living in Mexico, a member of the original neo-Realist group of Manansala et al., a very good painter who deserves to be named National Artist. But Tabuena is no longer a Filipino citizen and there are no Filipino diplomats in Mexico working to give him a Filipino citizenship. Then there is Anita Magsaysay-Ho, a towering figure in Philippine painting and also deserving of a National Artist Award. But she is now a Canadian citizen. Does that mean Rodriguez will be named a National Artist first and not them because they have no friends in the Philippine consulates to work for their Filipino citizenship?

And what about the other Filipino artists who did not desert their native land to live in and be citizens of another country? Does our colonial mentality extend to art? Shouldn't the patriotism, loyalty and love of country of artists who stayed behind and worked here have some weight?

We are not lacking in outstanding artists who lived, worked and, in the case of some of them, died in the Philippines pursuing their art before receiving the National Artist Award. There was Hugo Yonzon Jr., an accomplished, versatile and prolific but very modest artist. He deserves the award. There was his friend and contemporary Larry Alcala. Nobody can hold up a candle to him in cartooning. Then there is another friend and contemporary, Malang, indisputably the most prolific and popular painter at present, still alive and working, nominated several times for the award. He deserves it. Maybe all three of them should be made National Artists at the same time.

Another person who should have been given the award a long time ago was the late Purita Kalaw-Ledesma who, as head of the Art Association of the Philippines for many years, did more than any other person to propagate and popularize Philippine art.

Undeniably, there are groups of art lovers with their own candidates and it is the curse of the National Artist Awards that sometimes the undeserving get the awards because they have very influential and aggressive friends to lobby for them. The board of judges, supposedly people of integrity, knowledge and good taste, are not immune to lobbying both by the candidates themselves and their friends. The President of the Philippines, who has the last say but who has the least knowledge about the arts, sometimes overrule the judges and insert her own favorites, resulting in questionable categories such as "historical literature" and "journalistic literature." What are these?

Why not dispense with the hypocrisy and separate literature from history and journalism? The old concept of "literature" is fiction but times have changed. Go to any bookstore and you will see that non-fiction titles now outnumber those of fiction, even including the mystery books, love stories and other pulps. The quality of journalism writing has also overtaken that of fiction writing. And journalism, after all, is called "literature in a hurry." It is much harder to write because of the time constraint. And what gets written is true and not a mere product of the imagination. Then there is the so-called historical fiction, a novel based on history.

If we do not watch out, the National Artist Awards will go the way of the BWAP (Business Writers Association of the Philippines) and TOYM (Ten Outstanding Young Men) awards, originally prestigious awards which lost credibility and prestige because the winners were determined not by merit but by influence.

Now even dress designers are being nominated for National Artist. Soon we may have billiard players elevated to National Artists, too.

Reform

There's the Rub

Conrado de Quiros

OF COURSE, WE ONLY HAVE THE WORD of Bro. Manuel de Leon that incoming Archbishop Angel Lagdameo, the incoming president of the Catholic Bishops' Conference, said these things. But assuming De Leon got it right, Lagdameo's stand is this:

GMA still has to prove her legitimacy. The issue won't go away without putting "proper closure" to it. In this light, Lagdameo laments that Congress killed the impeachment bid, which did not settle anything but left things dangling. A closure may be difficult to achieve however because "the truth is elusive and there are still mysteries that need to be discovered" (De Leon quoting Lagdameo). But more important than ferreting out the truth about the last elections are reforms in governance. "Without these genuine reforms, we'll just have the same problems even if we replace the President" (still De Leon quoting Lagdameo).

To begin with, I am glad that someone is replacing Fernando Capalla as head of the CBCP. He is yet another proof that people who grow older do not necessarily grow wiser. Some of them only grow into old fools. No Filipino Church official in recent times has done more to erode the moral standing of the Church, particularly after the heights it reached by shepherding the flock in both Edsas. Capalla has only resurrected a phrase I've almost forgotten from the halcyon days of campus activism: "clerico-fascist."

Only recently, he insisted he wasn't a supporter of GMA, he was a supporter only of government. "From 1986 until now, I've been helping the President. I have helped Cory, Ramos, Erap (Estrada) and Gloria for years." But how this statement, which he uttered in November 2000, can possibly be construed as support for Erap, only he knows: "The local Church as partaker in the prophetic role of Jesus Christ, her Founder, declares that our main reason for denouncing the bad news personified by the Estrada presidency and administration is his shameless trampling of the sacred moral values our people hold in high esteem." What can I say? Gloria is contagious.

I am even gladder that Lagdameo has gone straight to the heart of the matter, which is GMA's right to rule. Festering wounds that are covered with Band Aid do not heal, whether the Band Aid comes with the logo of the Red Cross or the Cross of St. John. I can understand why Lagdameo doesn't want to unburden himself more forcefully on the matter. He probably wants to give his predecessor a graceful exit, though from where I stand the only proper closure for him is slamming the door on him.

But here's the part that bothers me. Again I don't know if that is Lagdameo's sentiment or De Leon's, but what's so elusive about the truth, or what mysteries at least about GMA's cheating remain to be discovered? The only mystery is why the CBCP should be exercised during Erap's time for his "shameless trampling of the sacred moral values our people hold in high esteem" and why it should be docile during GMA's time for her doing even worse. Lying, cheating and stealing are moral values our people hold in high esteem? The only elusive thing we need to catch is Virgilio Garcillano. To this day, his whereabouts, or indeed his fate, remains unknown. Is it possible he could have proved elusive without GMA's help?

You have the Garci tapes, you have a missing Garcillano, you have GMA's allies in Congress preventing proof of massive fraud being presented to the impeachment court, you have GMA banning civilian and military officials appearing in the Senate to tell the world what they know, what else do you need? That is not the pattern of behavior of someone who won the elections. God's ways may be mysterious, Gloria's ways are not.

As to the removing GMA not solving all our problems, well that was what Manila Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales also said some months ago. My answer then and now is: No, it won't, but it sure as heaven will solve a great many of them. At the very least, it will arrest our plunge into moral limbo. That is no small matter in itself. Our problem is no longer getting ahead, it is simply not falling behind some more. The impact of living a lie has rocked this community to its roots. As I said yesterday, our capacity to tolerate abuse grows by the day, the most patent iniquity now being met by a shrug of the shoulder and the expostulation that we have graver things to think about, like our survival. Well, no nation has yet survived that learned to abide rape and murder.

I agree: We need genuine reforms. But removing GMA is a genuine reform unto itself—if we would take care to understand what it signifies. The one thing that most urgently needs reforming is the structure of power in this country; the one thing that most needs implementing is giving the people a voice in national affairs. The people's voice has been stifled—which is the reason their owners have been reduced to poverty, voiceless-ness and penury being natural companions—and nowhere has this reached the absolute pits than today, when they have been robbed of virtually the only thing they have had a say in, which is the choice of their leaders. Nowhere has this reached the absolute pits than today, when a group of people has simply decreed who should govern this country independently of the voters. You remove GMA and you take the first step in giving the people back their voice.

I agree that is not enough. But we want genuine reform? Then let's stop this stupid business of (false) reconciliation, which the Church has always loudly called for at the end of People Power. The power of the people is above all the power of justice. We want genuine reform, let us punish wrongdoers. If there is one thing that most genuinely needs reforming in this country, it is this:

We have crime, but we have no punishment.

Samar forests used as political trade-off

ANALYSIS

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THE ADMINISTRATION AND "INDEPENDENT" Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile have closed ranks behind a stonewall to block the protest of a coalition of environmental groups, Catholic bishops and the people of Samar against the resumption of logging in protected forest reserves on the island.

The protest was provoked by the permit granted on Aug. 16 by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to Enrile's San Jose Timber Corp. to resume logging on its 95,770-hectare forest concession, inside the 330,000-hectare protected Samar Island Nature Park.

The DENR did not only end 16 years of logging moratorium on Samar island, which has the largest contiguous lowland forests in the country. More than that, it extended SJTC's license by another 16 years.

International scientists have ranked Samar among the world's richest biodiversity sites. The resumption of logging has raised concerns over possible ecological damage, affecting, among other things the water supply, and causing flooding. The latter prospect is the threat that concerns Samar inhabitants and environmental groups most, because they remember the 1989 floods, which killed hundreds of people, and they trace the cause of the disaster to forest depletion.

The disaster prompted President Corazon Aquino to order the moratorium, which was respected by succeeding administrations. In discontinuing the moratorium, the administration of President Macapagal-Arroyo earned the distinction of breaking a 16-year policy to favor the interests of a new-found political ally, Enrile, who has declared himself an "independent," after abandoning the ranks of official opposition in the Senate.

The DENR declared a logging moratorium from February to May 1989 to pave the way for the inventory of Samar's remaining forests. Succeeding administrations not only respected the moratorium but also worked for the proclamation of a large part of the island as a forest reserve in 1996 and as a nature park in 2003.

The lifting of the moratorium and the extension of the timber license agreement drew accusations that the decision was a political trade-off. The four Catholic bishops of Samar, who are in the forefront of the protest, did not mince words in denouncing the DENR's decision. "The issue of the DENR recognizing the right of SJTC is yet another glaring example (of the government's) political patronage," said Bishop Jose Palma of Calbayog. "It is a government listening to the voice of one man, Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, and turning a deaf ear to the voice of over one million Samareños."

At the rate Environment Secretary Michael Defensor is defending the department's decision, the prospects of its being rescinded are dim. The bishops and the people of Samar can go hang in the face of the collusion between the administration and Enrile.

Defensor said the moratorium was for only four months, and since that period had long lapsed, he merely recognized Enrile's company's rights to the concession.

The DENR's Aug. 16 order gives SJTC the right to harvest timber in its concession area, a concession Enrile obtained during the Marcos administration in which he was defense minister. With the stout defense being mounted by the DENR, Enrile does not need to draw on his expertise as a lawyer to defend his legal right to cut trees in his concession. But still, he dared the environmental groups to challenge his right to operate his concession in the courts, adding: "If the environmentalists want to expropriate my property, let them, do it. But they can't tell me how to handle our rights."

"We are not going to destroy the forest," Enrile assured. "We will preserve it. We are not unscrupulous people who will just cut down trees right and left."

The DENR order allows Enrile to proceed with the cutting of the trees, but he said his company would harvest the trees selectively. "We know how we do logging operations without destroying the forests," he said.

Logging concessionaires are required by the law on forest management to plant 10 trees for every tree tree they cut. There is no evidence that Enrile's company replanted the forests during the time it operated the concession. Can it be shown that it had put back something to compensate for what it had exploited, or is this another case of one-sided extraction from the national patrimony, an extraction which, as the bishops have correctly pointed, has only benefited the wealthy rather than the poor people of Samar?

From this point of view, Enrile's statement is far from reassuring. In the sad history of forest exploitation, the record reveals that the rate of replanting is ridiculously low.

Defensor said that while Enrile's company had been given the go-ahead to resume logging, it still had to obtain logging permits from the local governments of Samar before it can unleash chainsaws to cut the trees. This is a cheap attempt to pass the buck to local government officials. If we go by the record of local governments, let alone the national government, in protecting the national patrimony from predatory attacks and the exploitative practices of forest concessioners, we can't be reassured.

There is no reason to be confident that Samar's forest and ecological resources will survive the open-door policy of the administration which is apparently part of political trade-offs.

Coming of age

AT LARGE

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IT'S BEEN A LONG DRAWN-OUT COMING OF age for Harry Potter and his friends at Hogwart's, and in the fourth Harry Potter movie, "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," the boy wizard goes through all the agony of puberty, including discovering the opposite sex.

While Harry in the next book in the series, "The Order of the Phoenix," goes through an even rougher patch, with all the angst and inner rebellion of full-blown adolescence, in "GOF" he is still caught in the cusp, teetering between boyhood and manhood. So aside from doing battle with Lord Voldemort, who has been slowly gaining strength with the aid of the "death eaters," and prevailing over his opponents in the Tri-Wizards Tournament, Harry must face the even more intimidating task of inviting a girl he likes to the Yule Ball!

But it isn't only Harry who's going through a rocky transition. Ron must contend with his growing insecurity, increasingly frustrated at his perennial status as "sidekick" to the "Boy Who Lived," and yet tormented by thoughts of losing a friend. He must also contend with a budding attraction to Hermione, his torment not helped any by the fact that Hermione has become the object of attraction of the world Quidditch star Victor Krum, whom Ron idolizes. (As an aside, Krum wears the number 7 on his shirt in what is obviously author J.K. Rowlings' tribute to football superstar David Beckham.)

All this frisky business lends the film a lightness and realism, a welcome touch of humor that had been snowed under by the fantasy and magic of the series. Rightly, the movie action is dominated this time by the young leads, with the Hogwarts faculty and wizard villains kept to the sidelines. Increasingly, the franchise is mining the inner turmoil of Harry, as he searches for self-identity and a purpose in life aside from avenging his parents' death at the hands of the Dark Lord.

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THE MOVIE opens right where the book does, at the Quidditch World Cup which is my absolute favorite sequence in the entire franchise. From the moment Harry and the Weasleys are transported to the World Cup site via a port key, to the horrible attack by the death eaters, Rowlings' fantastical account of this wizarding event was enchanting. Too bad the World Cup had to be abbreviated for cinematic purposes. But the little that was shown was enjoyable enough, especially the huge Quidditch arena and the humongous video screens over which Krum presides.

I do hope the three juvenile leads—Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Emma Watson—decide to stay on till the series comes to an end. Radcliffe and Grint are putting on more heft and height, their features becoming more chiseled. But it is Watson who is showing the most visible signs of physical development, her figure and face blossoming surely into womanhood. It's like watching your children unfold before your eyes, only this time, we have an easier time tracking their metamorphosis as we follow them from movie to movie.

Also noteworthy, judging from the giddy reaction of my teenage daughter, is Robert Pattinson who portrays Cedric Diggory, the "golden boy" who is Hogwarts' official contestant in the Tri-wizards Tournament. Handsome and graceful, talented and smart, and noble to boot, Diggory makes for a worthy foe, which is why his ultimate fate is so heartbreaking.

Also worth mentioning is Ralph Fiennes, who is nearly unrecognizable as the reconstituted Voldemort, making full use of his brief screen exposure with his personification of urbane evil.

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AT THIS point, the franchise is no longer about plot and action. Followers would already have developed plausible theories, especially after "Half Blood Prince," about the origins of Voldemort's power and Harry's role in defeating him.

In both the movies and the books, the audience's attention and loyalty are won and kept through the building of character and the construction of atmosphere. And as Harry and his friends enter the confusing world of adolescence, we can be sure of rides even bumpier than any on the Night Bus or a bewitched car.

What I do love about Rowlings' exploration of Harry's changing character is how she portrays the transition to adolescence as both sweet and exquisitely aching. Growing up is hard to do, indeed, and with Harry, Ron and Hermione, we can revisit those times again and laugh, cry, cringe, squirm and dance with them again.

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WOMEN and men interested in issues of gender and urbanization are invited to participate in a virtual forum, described as a "global discussion over the Internet on issues of importance to women—in cities."

The virtual forum is being hosted in connection with the Third World Urban Forum to take place next year in Vancouver. The matters discussed at the virtual forum will be fed into the agenda of next year's meet.

Participants need only get online at www.habitatjam.com and register. Organizers guarantee privacy and participants can go online for as long or as briefly as they wish. The World Bank Center at the Asian Institute of Management will also be opening its doors for people who wish to join the discussions but cannot otherwise get online. There are also plans to host panel discussions on the days of "jam," with the participation of media.

A number of local and international organizations have already expressed willingness to support the virtual forum, including the Center for Asia-Pacific Women in Politics (CAPWIP), WIEGO, Unifem and the Huairou Commission (an offshoot of the 1995 NGO Conference of the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing) which is mobilizing grassroots women all over the world to join in and make their views known on this important issue.

So much history in one hospital

LOOKING BACK

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HOSPITALS RANK VERY LOW ON MY LIST OF FAvorite places. Whether I go there as a visitor or a patient, hospitals depress me. There is something about illness that always gets me down, but then hospitals should be seen as places of healing and I'm quite happy that the look and mood of hospitals are fast changing. The new Asian Hospital in Alabang and the new Medical City on Ortigas have the feel of a hotel rather than a hospital and we hope they keep it that way or improve.

Yesterday I attended the golden anniversary of the Veterans Memorial Medical Center (VMMC) in Quezon City. This hospital is quite old, but then it is on a huge, green tract of land that is now a luxury in our concrete jungle. New hospitals try to soothe us with piped in music, air-conditioning and pocket gardens. The VMMC sits in the middle of a manicured golf course with trees and birds, sand and water traps. In such surroundings, I guess healing comes much faster.

The VMMC does not figure much in our national life except when it has some VIP patients, the most recent being ousted President Joseph Estrada who was kept here for some time before being moved out of town. Former Presidents Emilio Aguinaldo, Sergio Osmeña, Ferdinand Marcos and Carlos P. Garcia were treated in the hospital, and these occasions are engraved in bronze in a historical marker installed at the entrance of the main building yesterday.

Reading the marker made me wonder why history, like newspapers, likes bad news. We note the times presidents got ill and had to be confined in the VMMC, when the marker should actually be more positive and reflect the thousands of people who got well there rather than the ones who got worse and passed away. A healthy president doesn't make news, but a sick one does. News being history in a hurry thus leaves us with markers like the one recently installed in VMMC.

I have passed through the VMMC for many years, but it was only yesterday that I entered the building. It was established in 1949 through the help of the Rogers Law or US Public Law 865 in July 1949 to address the health concerns of Filipino veterans of World War II. In broad terms, the United States provided funding for the building and equipment of the hospital ($22,500) while the Philippines provided the 54 hectares of land on which it now stands plus the hospital administration and health workers to run it. The VMMC was to be used exclusively for the medical care and treatment of eligible veterans and there were so many veterans groups waiting like: Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor; East Central Luzon Guerrilla Area, USAFFE Veterans of the Philippines; Gold Star Mothers, Widows and Orphans of the Philippines; The Philippine Veterans Legion; Retired Filipino Legionnaires; The United Disabled Veterans Association of the Philippines; Camp Murphy Women's Club. Looking at all these groups alone made me realize there are so many doctoral dissertations on the period waiting to be undertaken.

I didn't know that the VMMC was inaugurated by President Ramon Magsaysay, a former secretary of national defense, on Nov. 20, 1955. Magsaysay was assisted by US President Dwight Eisenhower who was no stranger to the Philippines. As we know, Magsaysay died in a plane crash and the lone survivor of that ill-fated flight was journalist Nestor Mata who did not put on his seat belt. He was treated in the VMMC, too.

Looking at the brief history of the hospital shows how disease crosses political and social boundaries. Certain people who wouldn't be caught dead together in the same room were at different times treated there, like Ferdinand Marcos and Benigno Aquino Jr. Marcos had a gall bladder operation in the VMMC and years later in 1977, the jailed opposition leader Aquino was taken there after he underwent a hunger strike to protest Marcos and martial law. Disease does not choose its victims and hospitals likewise treat all who enter their doors regardless of political affiliation, although some places discriminate according to one's capacity to pay.

The first time I came across the VMMC in my research was when I was studying Emilio Aguinaldo. Both in life and in death, Aguinaldo continues to attract controversy as a magnet draws pins and paper clips. On his deathbed, there was a controversy whether he died a Catholic or as a very public Mason died, without the sacraments. I remember looking at faded black and white photographs of the ancient general on a wheelchair, wearing a silk dressing gown and dark glasses and sticking his tongue out to receive a consecrated host from the VMMC chaplain. Some people cited this as proof that Aguinaldo died a Catholic, while others protested that the general was so weak that he didn't know what he was doing. It was even suggested that he was tricked into sticking out his tongue for the camera because he was told he was being given medicine rather than Communion.

All that is now history, but what made me smile was the knowledge that Aguinaldo led his men into battle during the Filipino-American War and yet years later, as a veteran of that war, he received treatment from a hospital co-established by his old enemy.

So much history in a place that is only 50 years old. So much history that has to be written not only of this hospital but of the Philippines as well.

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Online libraries

PINOY KASI

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I PUT IN A LOT OF TIME RESEARCHING FOR MY COLUMNS, sometimes even more than what I use for the actual writing. But with all the other work I have to do, I wouldn't be half as productive if the Internet were not around to help me look up information.

The Internet is one huge, and I mean huge, library that makes it possible for us, clicking away at the mouse, to access information from throughout the world, usually through articles posted on different websites.

One very exciting development on the Internet is the possibility that eventually, we may actually have a virtual library where we can access hundreds of thousands of publications, including entire books, from the comfort of our homes.

Let me share some tips on maximizing the use of what's already there, even as we anticipate what is to come in the near future.

Google

The most useful tool in the Internet are the search engines provided by various companies to look up information. These are the electronic equivalents of the card catalogues in our traditional libraries.

Among the search engines, my favorite is www.google.com. I use it most often because you can just type in keywords for your search without going through complicated procedures. For example, if you want to look up articles about shabu in the Philippines, some search engines will require you to type into their search box: "shabu and Philippines," the "and" designed to tell the search engine that you only want materials where both "shabu" and "Philippines" are mentioned. With Google, you can just input the two words, without quotation marks and without the "and" in between.

Google, because it is so extensive, can become problematic with the number of websites that it identifies for you so you should try to be as specific as possible with your keywords. Try "sex" and "Philippines," for example, and you'll get all kinds of entries, including pornographic sites. (Don't even try it—you'll find most of the sites require a credit card for access.)

Another problem is that Google will lead you to a lot of stuff on popular media. That's not a bad thing in itself, but if you're doing academic research, you might want to narrow your search to journals and similar publications. That's where you use "scholar.google.com", which leads you to the more academic materials such as journals and dissertations.

Online libraries

These online searches can be thrilling, and frustrating. All too often you're led to the reference, only to find out that the publication can't be accessed on the Internet without paying for it. With scholarly journals, for example, just retrieving one article can cost you up to $30. You read right, that's P1,650 for one article!

Now if you're lucky and have access to a university library website, like the one of UP, you can actually download entire articles from some of the journals. Many faculty and students at UP are not aware that the university subscribes, at great cost, to services like Proquest, which allow you online access to thousands of journals. So do visit the library for instructions on using these electronic bibliographies.

And if you're not at UP, don't despair. I'm sure the second, and maybe third and fourth best universities in the Philippines also have similar services. (Smile.)

You'll just have to learn to navigate the Internet for materials around your specialty. Filipino lawyers, for example, are lucky that the Chan-Robles law firm has a site, chanrobles.com, which carries the full texts of Philippine laws, including presidential decrees issued by Marcos.

Many US government and UN agencies now post entire books on their websites and allow you to download them for free. For example, UNDP offers a site where you can download its annual Human Development Report, which is packed with useful statistics. People working in the health field should visit the World Health Organization website, which carries many downloadable publications. A reminder though: you need to have high speed Internet to download these publications.

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What Google does for many publications is to refer you to the online bookstore, amazon.com, which carries many books for you to browse, much like you would in a bookstore. But you can only read the books on the Internet; you can't download or get excerpts.

What does the future hold? Google is working out an arrangement that will allow readers to rent an online copy of a new book for a week at a time, at 10 percent of the book's list price. The limitation here is that you can't download or print it; all you can do is read it on the Internet during the loan period.

Amazon.com also has a similar plan that will allow readers to pay to read parts of a book for a fee. Moreover, if you pay an additional fee, you will be allowed to download the page, chapter or section—a kind of virtual photocopying.

I still like the feel of an old-fashioned book, where you get to flip the pages with your fingers, but I don't mind reading an electronic version, especially if it's free. It's an exciting world out there, and the Internet's going to make it so much easier for us to explore it.

Announcement: Bird Festival

We move from books to birds. The Wild Bird Club of the Philippines will hold the 1st Philippine Bird Festival this Friday, Nov. 18 at the Crossroad 77 Covenarium, 77 Mother Ignacia corner Scout Reyes in Quezon City. Activities will include a photo and art exhibit, films and lectures about bird-watching. Visit birdwatch.ph for more information.

Meanwhile, coinciding with the Bird Festival, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals is launching another one of its "sexy" advocacy ads, this time featuring super model Marcus Schenkenberg holding an empty cage to dramatize his opposition to captive birds. Visit peta.org for more information.

Dead tongues soon

I HAVE LONG WANTED TO WRITE about this but kept pulling off until I read the news report titled "Project seeks to preserve endangered languages." (PDI, 8/11/05) Indeed, not only many languages are facing extinction; more so many dialects.

My own native tongue, Ilocano, is rapidly dying. Children these days speak mainly in Filipino (some are English-speaking), in schools, playgrounds, malls and even at home. You ask children who say they come from La Union or Ilocos and talk to them in Ilocano and they give you a questioning look as if you were talking like their favorite Martian. How sad!

Science and psychology say that a child is capable of fluently speaking (or learning) many languages. So it is safe, if not better, to teach children and speak with them in more than one language. In our country, we have Filipino, English and local dialects.

For me, it is wrong for adults, parents and teachers to deprive children of the opportunity to learn to speak their native tongue. And where would children learn their valued and inherited dialect if not right at home? Let them learn the national language and foreign languages in schools and other sources like TV, computers and reading materials.

Otherwise, I am afraid our Ilocano dialect could be a dead tongue not long from now.

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Who are the real meddlers in our domestic affairs?

THE BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION (BI) wants to deport the activist foreigners who took part in a public rally for interfering in our domestic affairs. The activity in question was an annual event, sponsored by peasant organizations, to show how neoliberal economic policies are destroying the world's agriculture. Is it wrong then for a visiting foreigner who, after listening and seeing the sad plight of our farmers, to call for the resignation of a (fake) President known for pushing free trade policies?

The BI has a distorted sense of what constitutes foreign intervention in our affairs. Recently, a foreign investment group described the "increasing inability of Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to govern." Why didn't the BI act similarly as it did after the activists? If the BI is seriously against foreign intervention in our domestic affairs, then it should order the deportation of US Embassy officials, credit rating analysts and lobbyists in Congress. I wonder how the BI deemed the statements of US diplomats describing our country as a "doormat" of terrorists or that Mindanao could be the next Afghanistan. What was the BI's reaction when it was reported in the news that foreign lobbyists are actively influencing legislation in the Senate?

The BI should stop harassing the activist foreigners and focus its energies on meddling foreign economists, analysts and arrogant diplomats. The real meddlers are entrenched in political and business circles giving "scholarly" advice on our domestic policies, the dire consequences of which become the poor people's burden. A few products of institutional foreign meddling are the Epira law, Balikatan exercises, EVAT, anti-terror bill and the debt policy of the government.

That the BI and the government, in general, are suddenly sensitive on the issue of foreign meddling is laughable not only because of the more dubious intervention of foreign interests in the country but also because the Philippine government is guilty of meddling in other country's affairs (e.g., Filipino troops in the US-led invasion of Iraq; Secretary-on-leave Norberto Gonzales' Venable contract which was intended to convince the Americans to support the Charter change initiative).

If the Philippine government will deport the activist foreigners, it will show the world that we are no different from other less democratic countries which have no tolerance for dissent. It will also highlight the irony of protecting the nation's sovereignty while welcoming foreign governments and big corporations to come and plunder the country's finite resources.

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Taxing the religious organizations

BRO. MANUEL DE LEON, VICE chair of the Association of Major Religious Superiors of the Philippines (AMRSP) and Msgr. Gerry Santos, Metro Manila chair for the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP) seem to miss the true meaning of the constitutional provisions on the inviolable separation of Church and State.

There is a symbiotic relationship between the Church and State. While the State takes care of the physical attributes of governance, the Church is expected to assume the responsibility of inculcating in people moral and good citizenship values. For this reason, the State exempts from taxes institutions, churches, convents, mosques, nonprofit cemeteries and all lands, buildings and improvements actually, directly and exclusively used for religious, charitable or educational purposes. (Sec. 28 (3), Article 6, 1986 Constitution)

It is difficult to understand why some Church leaders persist in seeking the ouster of a duly elected President. Some Church dignitaries are even advocating extra legal means when the Constitution provides for specific bases for a president to be removed from office.

Members of the CEAP, an organization of sectarian educational institutions, enjoy total tax exemption. Still they impose exorbitant tuition and other school fees, much much more than tax-paying non-sectarian schools and universities do.

Is Church-meddling a ploy to cover up its failure to inculcate moral and good citizenship values in citizens? The CEAP members can start by lowering their tuition fees and for churches to donate some of their real property to the poor and the disadvantaged.

Church officials should be prohibited from actively participating in any election, from endorsing political candidates or from running for public office if only to give substance and true meaning to the constitutional mandate of the separation of Church and State. This will also spare us from becoming a puppet State run by mullahs and church dignitaries.

The Constitutional Commission is thus summoned to have a close, hard look at this Church and State symbiosis.

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The truth in opposition's mind

SOLITA MONSOD'S COLUMN (PDI, 10/29/05) should stop dead in its tracks the opposition's claim that Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo is an illegitimate President of our country. But then, the opposition is not the legitimate party that it claims to be; it is a conglomeration of misguided or prostituted mob no longer capable of accepting reason and facts. Its search for truth is no longer in pursuit of the truth as it is, but of the truth already in the minds of its members. And the versions of truth in those minds cannot stand in court. But the opposition is not mature enough to accept defeat.

The majority of the people, who are struggling to eke out a living and cannot afford to hold rallies, tell the opposition that its claims of representing "the people" are a total lie. Not one of the opposition members has been authorized by the majority to speak for "the people." The opposition's use of this term is meant to mislead people and to promote its members' own personal ambitions and agenda, including destabilization and power grab.

It is the elected President of a country who has the authority from the people to govern the country. It is the moral obligation of the elected President to lead, with or without rallies, with or without terrorists, with or without destabilizers. It is therefore the obligation of Ms Arroyo to stand by the Constitution and the majority of the people who gave her the power to govern. Until that authority is proven to be false, she must use everything in her power to fulfill her moral obligation to govern and move the country forward.

The presidency is not an easy responsibility. It never was. It takes courage and a steady hand to steer the country to the calmer waters of progress. It is a thankless job.

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The opposition is not the majority. Remember, the majority of the people are not joining rallies because they have put their trust in the President. Ms Arroyo has sworn to do her job as President. The majority have authorized her to do it.

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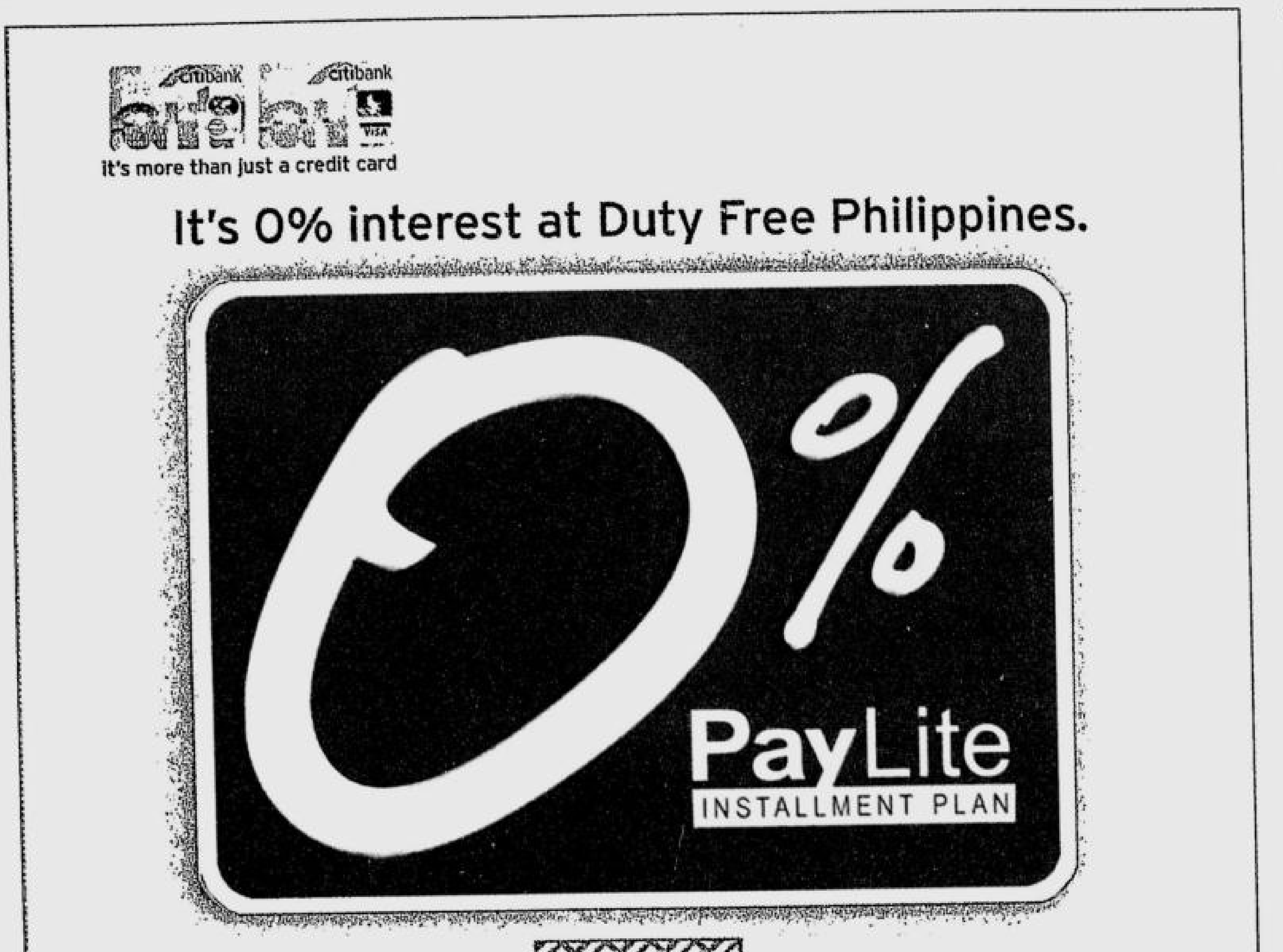
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Mine spill no accident, workers tell probe team

By Blanche S. Rivera

AN INDEPENDENT TEAM investigating the spill of wastes from the Lafayette Philippines Inc.'s mining site in Rapu-Rapu, Albay received testimony from the mining firm's workers that the spill was not an accident.

Workers of Lafayette told the team that they were ordered to release the mine waste from the tailings pond into the sea, disputing an official report that the Oct. 31 mine spill was an accident.

The fact-finding mission, led by the Center for Environmental Concerns (CEC), yesterday announced that it had gathered testimony from more than seven workers who claimed they were instructed to redirect the pipes from the tailings ponds to the creeks, which lead to the Albay Gulf.

"Contrary to reports, Lafayette Philippine's tailings dam was not the site of an accident last Oct. 31 that caused cyanide leakage, fish kills and health problems," CEC's Januar Ong, leader of the fact-finding team, said in a press conference in Quezon City yesterday.

"There was no damage to the dam. Testimonies reveal that mine tailings were released from the main tailings dam to a smaller overfill dam which caused the leakage. This is the truth that the mining company is deliberately concealing in an effort to shield itself from its culpability in the disaster," he said.

Ong showed a video of a worker in the tailings dam. The worker was drawing the location of the tailings ponds and the pipes that supposedly channeled the mine waste and effluent to the sea instead of the polishing pond.

The polishing pond would direct the effluent to the processing station where the water would be recycled.

Ong said the workers refused to be identified but they admitted that one Saturday before the Oct. 31 mine spill, they were told to bring down the pipes so that these would lead directly to the sea.

"They knew that their dam could not hold the water during heavy rains, so instead of having the dam break, they directed the mine waste to the sea," Fr. Felino Bugauisan, a member of Sagip Isla, said.

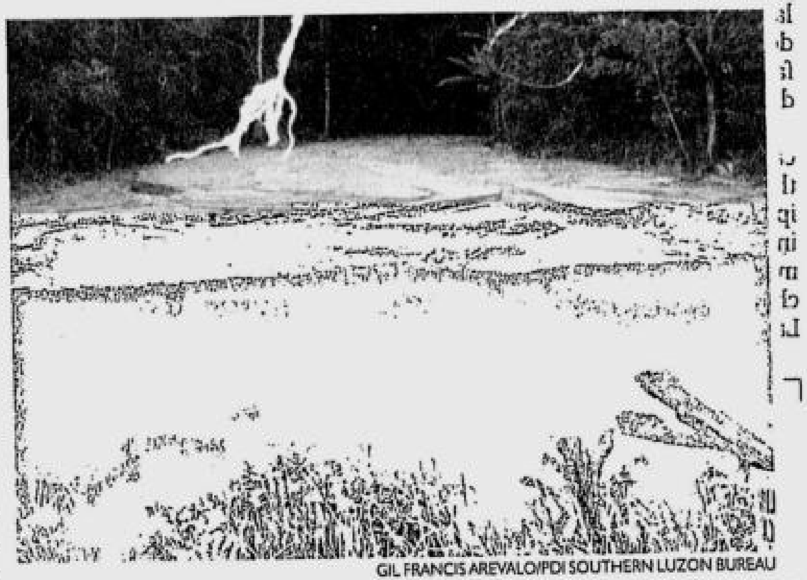
The Mines and Geosciences Bureau, however, disputed the CEC's claim, saying there were no structures or pipes that could be moved to redirect the flow of tailings or effluents.

Reynulfo Juan, MGB regional director, said the workers' claim that they had to channel the pipes from the tailings ponds to the sea was nearly impossible because the pipes were very heavy structures that could not be easily moved.

"That's not something they can do in just a matter of days," Juan said in an interview at the MGB central office in Quezon City.

Michael Cabalda, MGB mining and environmental safety chief, said Lafayette would need an entire pipeline system to do what the workers claimed they were instructed to do during the heavy downpour that led to the overflow of the tailings pond.

The MGB showed photos of Lafayette's system, which included a main tailings pond, a lower tailings pond, two settlings ponds and a polishing pond. These structures show the route of the mine tailings from the detoxification plant.



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ONE OF THE CREEKS in Rapu-rapu, Albay into which wastes from the tailings pond of Lafayette went.

2 cockpits bring battle to court

By Delmar Cariño
Northern Luzon Bureau

LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET—The two cockpits fighting over the right to hold cockfights here have moved the arena of their own cockfight to the court.

The Lamtang cockpit arena in Barangay Puguis drew first blood when it slapped rival Shilan multipurpose sports complex in Barangay Shilan with an injunction and damage suit before the regional trial court last month.

But Shilan recently got the better deal of the first round of a looming legal battle when Judge Benigno Galacgac refused to issue a temporary restraining order and a writ of preliminary injunction.

The TRO could have stopped Shilan's operations pending the resolution of the main case.

The main case refers to Lamtang's petition for the court to declare Shilan as ineligible to conduct derbies since Lamtang is the validly recognized cockpit in this town.

In denying the issuance of a TRO, Galacgac said Lamtang, which also holds derbies on Sundays, failed to show sufficient evidence to prove that its own cockfights would suffer "irreparable injury" by Shilan's continued operations.

"The petitioner (Lamtang) failed to substantiate that the threat of the act sought to be enjoined is present and needs to be addressed with urgency," the order said.

Martinez; 77

REYNALDO MARTINEZ, FATHER OF INQUIRER correspondent Jo Martinez-Clemente, died of a lingering illness on Nov. 13. He was 77. Martinez, a retired employee of the Department of Public Works and Highways, is survived by wife Josephine and children Jo, Ruben, Romel and Renato. Interment will be on Nov. 17 at the Eternal Memorial Garden in Tarlac City after an 8 a.m. Mass at the San Sebastian Cathedral. *PDI Central Luzon Desk*

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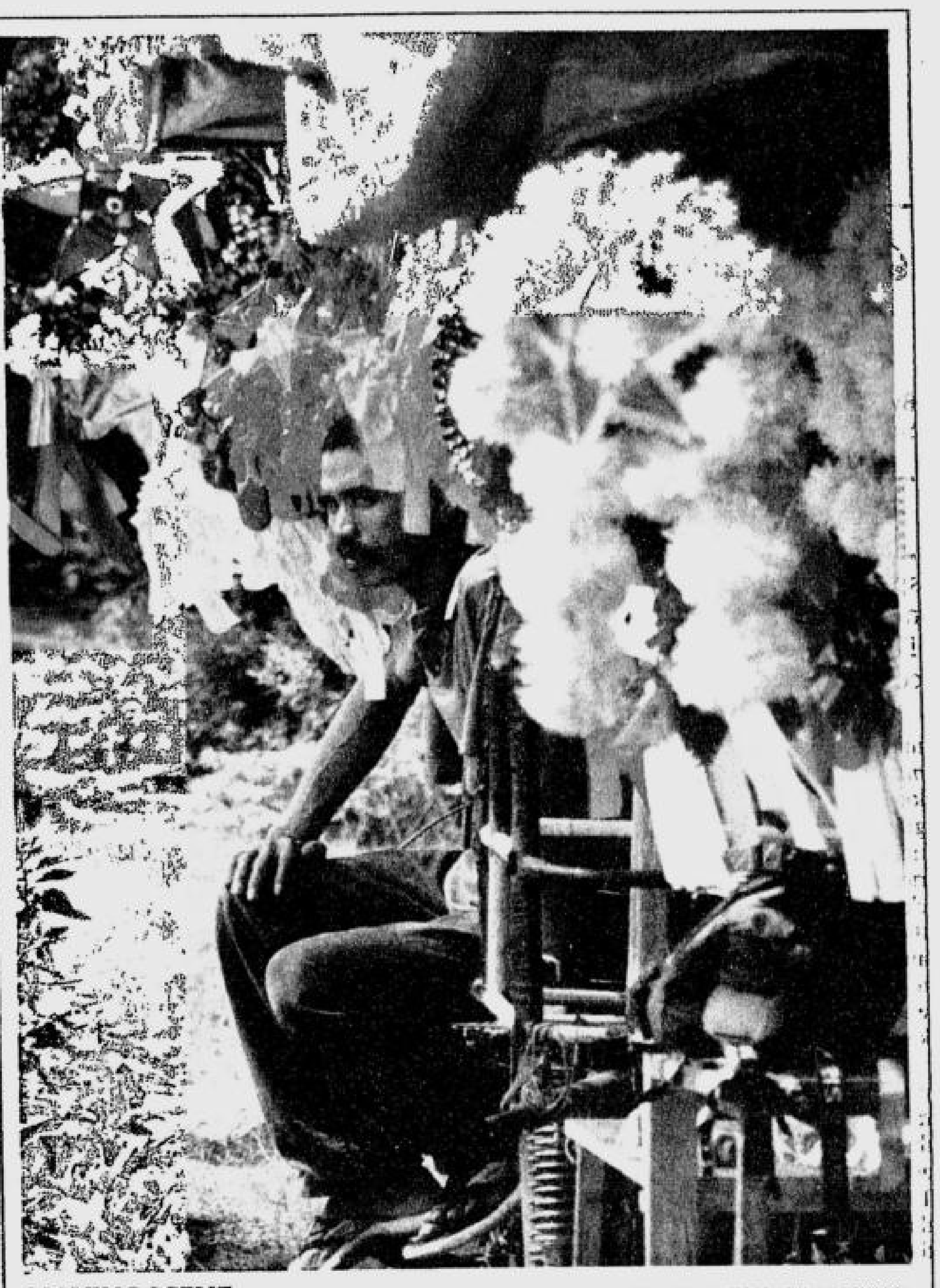

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An entrepreneur watches out for buyers from his mobile stall where he sells Christmas lanterns hoping to cash in on the approaching holiday season.

Slain radioman's kin say justice elusive

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
PDI Visayas Bureau

ILOILO CITY—JUSTICE REMAINS ELUSIVE for slain Aklan broadcaster Herson "Boy" Hinolan a year after he was gunned down.

His family and colleagues yesterday called on the government to speed up the prosecution of the case as they commemorated his first death anniversary in Aklan and in Roxas City in Capiz.

"I have come to accept his death but a year after he was murdered, we see no resolution of the case in sight," said Hinolan's widow Aphrodite in a telephone interview.

Aphrodite led hundreds of her husband's supporters and colleagues who attended Mass at the Mary Immaculate Metropolitan in Roxas City yesterday.

She later proceeded to Hinolan's grave at the Divine Jesus Memorial Park along with close relatives and her husband's colleagues.

Hinolan, 38, died from his injuries on Nov. 15 last year two days after he was repeatedly shot as he was urinating near a carnival in the capital town of Kalibo, Aklan.

He was station manager of dyIN Bombo Radyo in Kalibo and hosted the station's morning program "Bombohanay Bigtime."

Hinolan was among the 13 journalists killed last year and the 69th since 1986. Most of the cases remain unsolved.

Regional State Prosecutor Domingo Laurea Jr. said the slow pace of the case was due to the various exchange of pleadings and motions filed by the parties.

The Aklan provincial prosecutor's office is conducting a reinvestigation of the case after Aphrodite and Hinolan's lawyer Napoleon Oducado questioned the March 3 resolution of assistant provincial prosecutor Apolinario Barrios, indicting Mayor Fred Arcenio of Lezo town in Aklan for homicide.

Oducado said there was "clear proof of treachery and evident premeditation" in Hinolan's killing that warranted a murder charge based on testimonies of witnesses Peter Melgar and Marjorie Icamina.

Melgar allegedly saw Arcenio running after Hinolan and repeatedly shooting the victim. Icamina claimed to have overheard an aide of the mayor talking about the plan to kill the broadcaster.

Arcenio, who is out on bail, has denied the accusations, saying he was in Lezo town, about 10 km from Kalibo, at the time Hinolan was shot.

On May 4, the Aklan Regional Trial Court Branch 2 suspended the arraignment of Arcenio and ordered the provincial prosecutor's office to reinvestigate the case.

Laurea said the Aklan provincial prosecutor's office had asked to be inhibited from the case.

In an order dated Oct. 18, Judge Ledelia Aragona-Biliran of RTC Branch 2 rejected Barrios' motion to inhibit from the case and ordered the provincial prosecutor's office to issue a resolution within 30 days upon receipt of the court order.

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'Ikik' in the time of bird flu threat

By Frank Cimatu
Sagada, Mt. Province

BOYS WILL BE BOYS BUT IF YOU WERE BORN IN Sagada, life would be a little more exciting. Sagada boys now running 30 years old or more remember spending nights in the *dap-ay* (sleeping quarters for men) massaging the toes of their elders with bamboo sticks. They played traditional games and learned rituals. In the cold months, they would go to *mangkik*.

Mangkik or *ikik* means catching migratory birds with a net. The *mangiikik* or bird catchers would look for signs of the approaching migratory birds. Sometimes it would be a series of feathery clouds. They would then make the one-and-a-half hour climb to Mt. Ampacao and wait with their kerosene lanterns.

When the flock approach, they would raise their lanterns and throw their huge nets at the precise moment. They then trampled the birds and bring them home for food.

No one would say that *ikik* is a tradition or a ritual but it had been going on for decades. The late William Henry Scott cited the *mangkik* in the "Sagada Postboy," the student newspaper of the St. Mary's School, in the July 11, 1953 issue.

"Sagada is not only admired for its natural beauty but also has abundant forest resources. On the mountain called Ampacao which bounds Sagada and the west is the place where men go to *mangkik* (catching birds at night with a net)," Scott wrote.

Mt. Ampacao has changed since 1953. Now at night, you will see an eerie orange glow similar to a V-shaped flare on top of Ampacao.

Alarmed, I told my friends, there were *mangiikik* in Ampacao. They laughed and said that it was just the Smart telecommunications tower.

Ikik has been on the headlines the past years because of suspicion that wild migratory birds carry the pathogenic strain of H5N1 or the avian influenza.

Scientists once doubted that the migratory birds carry the virus until the death of 100 or so ducks, gulls, geese and swans at a remote lake in Inner Mongolia, which can't be explained by human activities.

Ikik ban

Mt. Province Gov. Maximo Dalog has called for a ban on *ikik* in Mt. Province and nearby provinces. He cited Sagada's Mt. Ampacao and called for town officials to guard the path leading to the mountain and bar anyone from going up there at night.

The Sagada government has issued a resolution banning *ikik* from August 2005 to May 2006 and indefinitely extended it because of the bird flu threat.

Dalog also cited Sinipsip in Buguias, Benguet and Hungduan in Ifugao as the other areas where the migratory birds pass through and where *ikik* is also practiced.

Augusto Villaluna, resident manager of Lepanto Mines and Consolidated Co. in Mankayan, Benguet, said migratory birds also rest on the firm's tailings pond which had been biotreated.

"But at least, these areas are only the path and not their dwelling places. Our people only catch them," Dalog said.

The migratory birds traveled from Siberia down to China and the Philippines.

"In the past, we tell the *mangiikik* not to kill the birds tagged by scientists. Now we tell them to just avoid the place," Dalog said.

In Ilocos, the Department of Agriculture cited Bani town in Pangasinan and Pagudpud town in Ilocos Norte as the sanctuaries of these migratory birds. DA installed foot-baths or mats wet with antiseptics in local airports or areas near the two sanctuaries supposedly to stop the spread of the virus.

But back in Sagada, the threat of bird flu is hardly given attention by the *mangiikik* and the Sagada boys. Eduardo Umaming, a church worker, said when the Sagada council banned *ikik*, there were still many who went up and trampled some birds. He said his nephew and three of his friends went to Mt. Ampacao and bagged 12 birds.

"Every Sagada boy wanted to experience *ikik*," Umaming said. He remembered going up there in 1980 when he was in high school.

"We got drunk waiting for the birds and I bagged only seven. It's not worth it," he said.

Back then (probably in 1953), the *mangiikik* would harvest sacks and sacks of birds, he said.

"Then people would go to *mangkik* for food. Now young ones do it for the thrill. I've been saying to the council and the DENR (Department of Environment and Natural Resources) that that should be their basis. If it is for thrill and not for food, then *ikik* should be stopped," Umaming said.

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Is it right for GMA to use any means to remain in power?

So far, she has trashed the impeachment, declared CPR, enforced EO 464, threatened emergency power or martial law, initiated hearings versus Gudani & Balutan, accused Cory and Drilon of a coup plot and continues to harass Bro. Eddie. Now, she is criticizing media for reporting both sides of the issues.

Is it right for her to use government positions and favors as rewards for unconditional loyalty to her?

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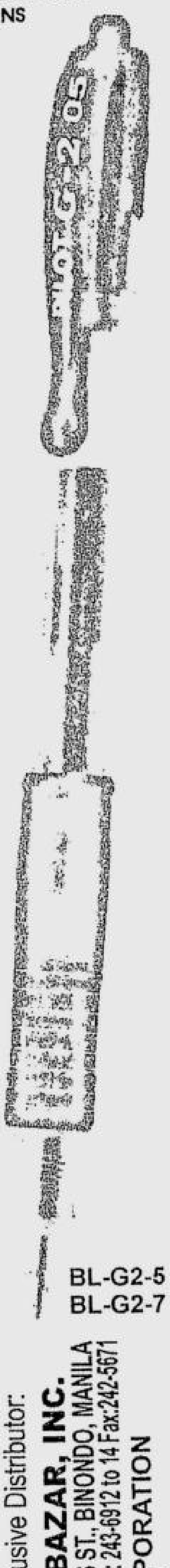

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Lanao Sur gov ordered suspended for graft

COTABATO CITY—Gov. Zaldy Ampatuan of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) has ordered the region's Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) to implement as soon as possible the suspension of Lanao del Sur Gov. Bashier Mustagbal Manalao following graft charges filed by his colleagues against him.

Ampatuan made the directive Saturday ahead of his first State of the Regional Address Nov. 14 at the Shariff Kabunsuan Complex here.

Ampatuan has asked ARMM Vice Gov. Ansarrudin Adiong, also concurrent DILG-ARMM chief, to enforce Manalao's suspension and install Lanao del Sur vice governor Bai Monera Macabangon as acting provincial governor. *Jeoffrey Maitem, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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Parasailing is probably the most expensive water sports in Boracay but the price does not seem to matter as the sails are always in the air.

UN says kids recruited for combat in RP

COTABATO CITY—A REPORT BY THE UNITED Nations-International Labor Organization (UN-ILO) considers the recruitment of minors into the armed conflict in Central Mindanao as the worst form of child labor.

The report, a copy of which was obtained by the INQUIRER, was compiled from two years of work with various groups by the UN-ILO, the Department of Labor and Employment and local government units.

The report, however, did not say how many youths had been recruited for armed combat or identify a particular group responsible for the involvement of children in armed conflicts in Central Mindanao.

While the UN, through the Geneva Convention, upholds children's rights in armed conflict, some UN commission resolution protocols also recognize certain rights to belligerency (The Hague Treaty) and right to self-determination (Indian Doctrine) being advocated by liberation movements.

"(In areas) where there is intermittent armed conflict, child soldier is one of the worst forms of child labor (WFCL) and (its effects in the community) highly notable. (They have to be provided with) avenues to participate in community services of various local government units and line agencies," said Rohayda Pahm-Gampon, DOLE labor employment officer in the region.

Gampon, also project coordinator of a joint UN-ILO-Philippine government program on children affected by armed conflict, said her group also noted an "alarming rate of involvement of youth or children in (armed) conflict" that prompted a closer look on war-torn villages as the most dangerous workplaces for children.

Joy Famador, UN-ILO consultant, said education remained the most effective deterrent to child recruitment into armed movements.

To prevent the displacement of children as a consequence of wars, the UN-ILO anti-child labor program linked up with government agencies, including the DOLE, the Technical Education Skills Development Authority (Tesda), and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), among other agencies, to form the Salaam (Peace) Projects I and II, according to Gampon.

From households torn by war, the DOLE office here said children and youth were being sent back to school through the study grant program component that Salaam Projects I and II have allotted to beneficiary communities in Maguindanao and Lanao del Sur.

Gampon said a total of 300 children and youths have so far benefited from the study grant program, through school packages for 50 pupils in the elementary level; tuition for 50 high school students, and tuition and monthly stipend for 20 college students.

"In Maguindanao, the beneficiaries were selected from the poorest of poor families," she said.

She said at least 180 Muslim youths or children have opted to undergo skills training on selected vocational fields. *Nash Maulana, Mindanao Bureau*

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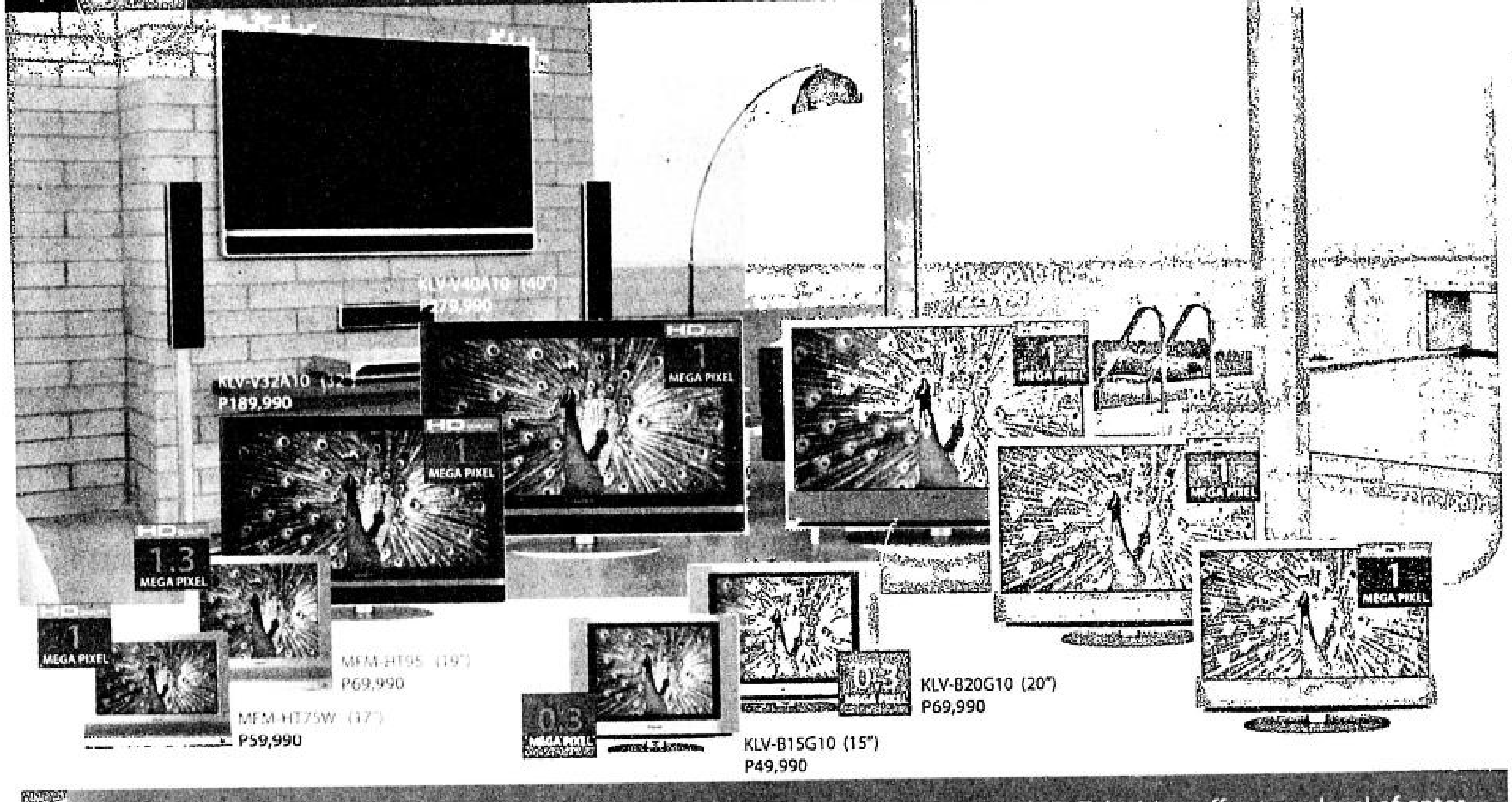

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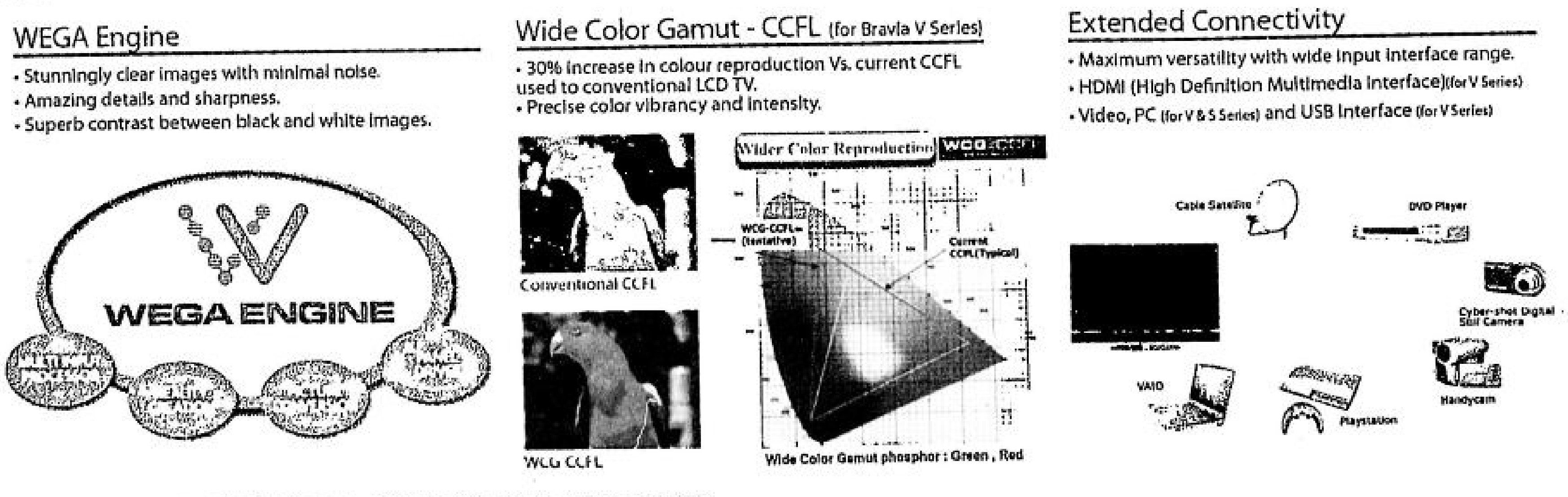

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DepEd: Class, it's OK to vote for actors, athletes

From page A1

Estrada after the lawmaker blasted a memorandum issued by a school official telling students not to vote for actors and basketball players for the positions of senator, vice president or president.

The memo was not official DepEd policy, Education Assistant Secretary and spokesperson Camilo Montessa told reporters yesterday.

"We would like to [apologize to] Sen. Jinggoy Estrada and we would like to assure him that this is not an official DepEd policy. The DepEd will definitely correct the superintendent because she cannot use the DepEd, through a memo, to downgrade the qualifications of actors and [basketball] players. We value the occupation of actors and actresses as well as the players. We think they can serve the public through elective and appointive offices," Montessa said.

DepEd budget

The explanation was an attempt to appease lawmakers, some of whom came from the entertainment industry. It came just in time since the DepEd's budget is up for discussion in Congress on Nov. 26.

The entertainment industry is represented in the Senate by Estrada, Sen. Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr. and Sen. Manuel "Lito" Lapid. Estrada is a son of deposed former President Joseph Estrada, also a former actor.

Montessa said the "guidelines" issued by Catanduanes schools division superintendent Thelma Bueson were "wrong and erroneous."

Bueson issued her controversial memo, a copy of which was obtained by education reporters, back on June 17, 2004.

"The directive is wrong because it gives the impression that in order to inculcate patriotism you should not vote into positions basketball players and actors. That is wrong by itself because in the Constitution, in a free and democratic country like ours, anyone can be an elected official," Montessa said.

"Even if her intention was not to downgrade [actors and basketball players] … it's still wrong. It's not the intention that counts here. It's how the public and the kids take the letter and it clearly downgrades actors and sports personalities," he added.

In a mobile phone interview yesterday in Legazpi City, Bueson expressed surprise her memo would become an issue and irritate Estrada.

She said her letter guided school heads and teachers on academic skills, such as reading and writing, and desirable values that pupils should master and adopt for the school year.

She said the issue might have arisen from reports she had heard about a group of 100 teachers who were petitioning for her ouster.

The pupils of these teachers performed poorly in reading in an on-the-spot evaluation made by the division, she said.

Critical thinking

DepEd officer in charge Fe Hidalgo also disagreed with Bueson's memo. "That's not how we teach the children. We want to instill critical thinking," she told reporters.

The DepEd has yet to decide if Bueson would be sanctioned.

But Montessa was confident that in spite of the Bueson controversy, Congress would approve DepEd's P119-billion budget.

In a privilege speech the other day, Estrada took offense at Bueson's Division Letter No. 4 to all Catanduanes district supervisors, elementary school heads and teachers, saying it was an affront to lawmakers from the entertainment industry "who have worked hard to prove ourselves worthy of the task and office reposed upon us by the electorate."

Interviewed over dzBB radio this morning, Bueson said she qualified actors and basketball players "who do not know their work in Congress because they are not educated for the positions of senator, vice president or president." *With a report from Gina V. Rodriguez, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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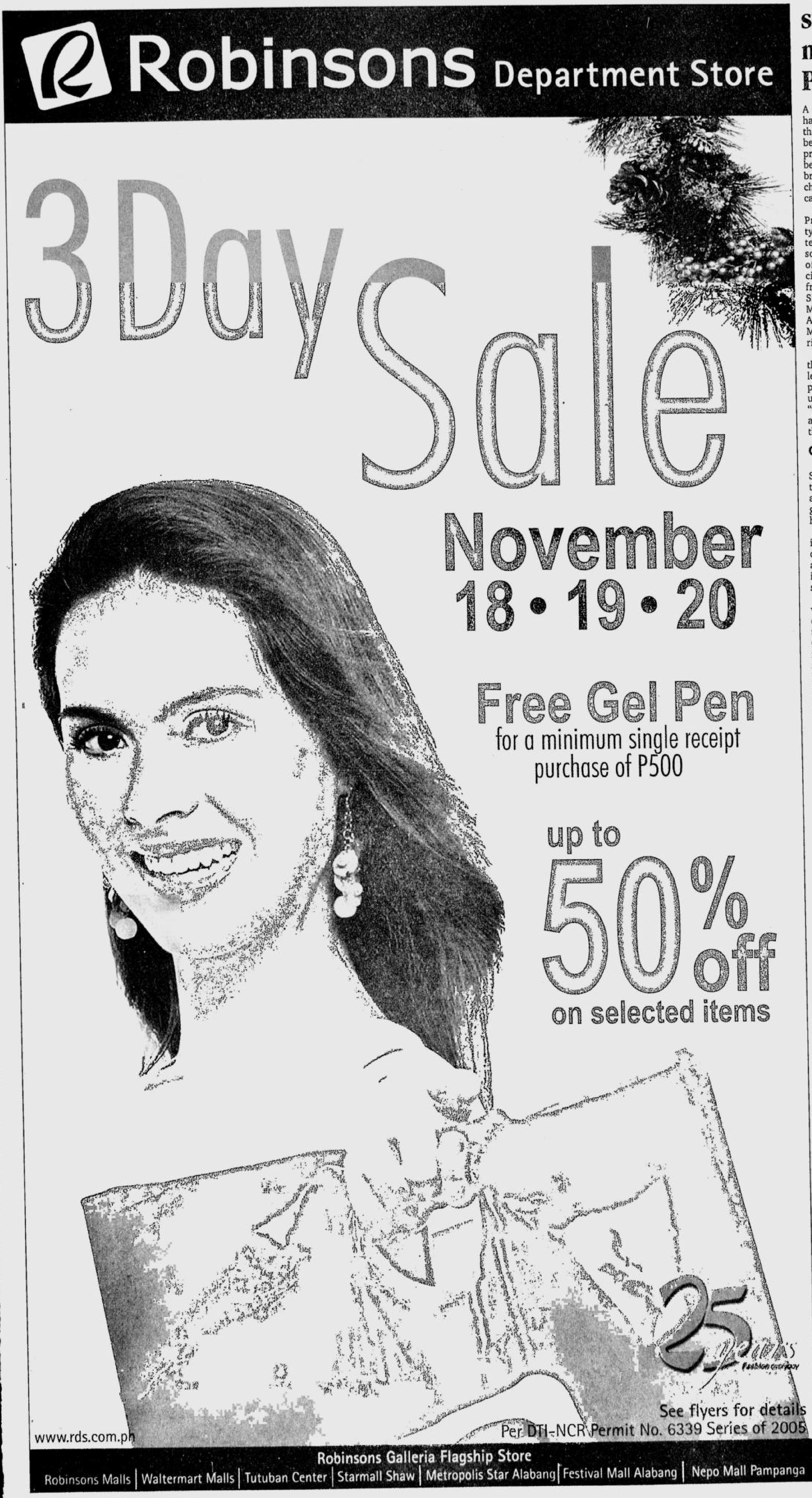

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Priests stopped near Palace

A CAMEL WOULD have gotten through the eye of a needle before a group of priests would have been allowed to celebrate Mass in a church beside Malacañang.

Members of the Presidential Security Group (PSG) yesterday prevented some 20 members of the clergy and a civil society group from reaching the Shrine of St. Michael the Archangel to hold a Mass for human rights victims.

The PSG blocked the group at the Arlegui gate at 2:30 p.m., saying higher-ups had told them "there would be no activity at the church that day."

Complicated

"It's complicated," Sgt. Marlon Festijo of the PSG said, when asked why they were giving the group a hard time.

"We have received intelligence reports of possible terroristic acts in the area within the day," Festijo said.

But the group would not be placated. Ruth Cervantes of the Movement of Concerned Citizens for Civil Liberties said they were holding the Mass "to pray for the victims of the Hacienda Luisita massacre."

"We are only going to pray, not hold a rally," Cervantes said.

Media, too

The PSG also blocked members of the media, saying there was no church activity to cover.

The President's guards relented, however, when activist priest Fr. Joe Dizon insisted on entering the gate an hour later.

"We are unarmed and we just want to pray for the human rights victims," Dizon said, adding that the state should not meddle in church affairs.

Dizon convinced fellow priests Jerry Sabado, Artemio Jusayan and Dionito Cabillas to change into their robes for the march to the church, where they were blocked a second time by policemen.

Not spared

Even parish priest Fr. Ernesto Cruz was not spared the strict security measures. When he let the group ride in the back of his pickup, policemen blocked the vehicle with concrete barriers.

"I do not feel respected at all," a frustrated Cruz said. "This is my parish after all and we do not have any plan to cause any trouble."

The cops finally allowed the group to proceed to the church, but not without a phalanx of antiriot policemen tailing them.

"In all my years as a Catholic school student and as a member of the Church, I have never experienced such repression," Cervantes said.

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MUSIC AT THE TRACKS
Florita Antonio sings with a group of performers at the overpass of the Guadalupe MRT station for donations from passersby. The Department of Social Welfare and Development initiated this community livelihood project for the visually impaired, with 17 groups taking turns performing at the eight MRT stations. LYN RILLON

Pasig vendors take fight to City Hall

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

IN WHAT APPEARED TO BE A SHOW of force yesterday, two groups of vendors from a contested public market in Pasig City stormed City Hall, hoping to settle a bitter feud that had resulted in a demolition of their stalls.

Vendors who had been fighting for what they said was their right to sell in the market made up the first group who were displaced and left jobless two weeks ago.

The second group were vendors who had recognized the new owner of the contested property, Domingo Yap. He is the father of former Agriculture Sec. Arthur Yap.

Both groups left with the dispute still unresolved.

The first group to arrive appealed to authorities for the removal of iron sheet fences erected around the public market so they could set up their stalls and resume business.

But all Mayor Vicente Eusebio could promise was to relay the request to the owner of the property.

"I will meet with Mr. Yap to determine how we can help the displaced vendors," Eusebio told reporters, finally breaking days of silence on the issue.

The mayor said he could not remove the fences because he would risk the possibility of being charged with contempt by the courts handling the cases related to the contested property.

The public market in Barangay Palatiw is the subject of a tug-of-war between 50 vendors and the DHY Realty and Development, which bought the lot in 1997.

Yap and his company reportedly plans to convert the property to a new market, but a group of vendors said they were also asserting their rights over the decades-old market.

"I will make an appeal so these people be given a chance to get a job, especially now that Christmas is coming," Eusebio said.

He added that he would ask Yap, who had been paying the taxes for the property, to give priority to the displaced vendors if plans push through for a new market in the area.

But Jose Capco Jr., lawyer for the vendors, said they could not agree to the proposal, because they were still doubtful about the ownership of the disputed property.

The dispute had resulted in a violent demolition on Nov. 3.

Armed with a notice to vacate from a Regional Trial Court, the owner sent wreckers to dismantle stalls of vendors who were not part of the pending cases. The vendors resisted the dismantling operations, and said even stalls of petitioners in the cases were torn down.

The owner also fenced off the market with iron sheets, leaving only a one-meter entrance manned by guards armed with shotguns. Only vendors with "gate passes" from the court were allowed inside.

With customers turned off by the strict security, the vendors stopped selling.

Eusebio said the vendors should have asked for his help much earlier, and not now "when the problem had worsened."

Not to be outdone, the second group of about 20 vendors arrived almost an hour later, carrying pamphlets telling their fellow vendors to recognize Yap as the new owner.

The group's leader, Elena Balderama, even assisted in the Nov. 3 demolition, and gave instructions to wreckers on what stalls to dismantle.

Alma, Rudy strike back

By DJ Yap

MORENO

ACTORS ALMA Moreno and Rudy Fernandez have lodged a P5.3 million civil damage suit against the two men they alleged were responsible for their detention at a Japan airport and their eventual deportation in late October.

A complaint filed in a Quezon City Regional Trial Court said Fernandez, Moreno and her two children, and six others accused former actor Robby Tarroza and Joed Serrano of falsely tipping Japanese immigration officials about supposedly unauthorized stage engagements in Japan. They cited an Oct. 20 letter by Tarroza addressed to the Japan Embassy which reported actor Justin de Leon's "unauthorized" trip to Japan with Fernandez and Moreno for a show, even though the actor had made clear that his trip was only for "rest and recreation." The complainants said the mention of their names in the letter was both unnecessary and misleading.

On Oct. 21, the contingent, except De Leon, was accosted at the Narita airport where they were "humiliated, detained, deported and maltreated like criminals," they said.

The plaintiff alleged that Tarroza and Serrano used their influence to sabotage what they claimed was a nonworking trip. Moreno said she had wanted to take her children to Tokyo Disneyland and had merely invited her friends along. The complainant compared Tarroza and Serrano to the "Makapili," Filipinos who had squealed on their countrymen suspected of being traitors against the Japanese in the early 1940s. The complainants asked to be paid P308,875 in actual damages, P2 million each for moral and exemplary damages and P1 million in attorney's fees.

Earlier, Tarroza accused Fernandez of pistol whipping him in the office of Viva Entertainment in Tektite Towers in Pasig City on Oct. 25. He said Fernandez pointed a .45 caliber pistol at him and hit his head with the gun thrice. The actor admitted that he was angry at Tarroza's alleged behavior, prompting him to hit the latter with his cellular phone. He, however, denied he had a gun with him.

Parañaque in search of site for homeless

By Jocelyn R. Uy

THE PARAÑAQUE CITY GOVERNMENT is now looking for a temporary home for the more than one thousand families displaced by demolition work in the city.

Around 500 houses in Garville Subdivision and Cul de Sac in Barangay Sun Valley have already been dismantled, said Nelson Lacambra, spokesperson of Mayor Florencio Bernabe.

"The local government and the police have nothing to do with the demolition. It is a private undertaking," he said, speaking in behalf of the mayor who is currently in the United States for a speaking engagement.

The demolition, which started last Thursday, was enforced through an order issued by Judge Fortunito Madrona of the Parañaque Regional Trial Court Branch 274.

Some seven to eight hectares were supposed to be cleared of homes built on properties reportedly owned by former Batangas Gov. Antonio Leviste, husband of vice presidential candidate and former Sen. Loren Legarda, Lacambra added.

Overseeing the demolition was the Regional Special Action Unit of the National Capital Region Police Office (RSAU-NCRPO).

Affected families in Cul de Sac the other day burned tires to prevent the demolition crew from entering the area. An unidentified resident fired a homemade revolver or "*paltik*" into the crowd, said P02 Josel Montero of the police community precinct 3. No one was reported hurt by the incident, he added.

The local government would give temporary shelter to affected families in city-owned schools or tents, added Lacambra.

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Holiday decor from garbage heap

By Tarra V. Quismundo

WASTE PAPER, PLASTIC CUPS AND COCONUT husks retrieved from the garbage heap resurrect as attractive home decor and Christmas trimmings in Makati City.

Now on its third year, the city government's two-week holiday waste reduction program began on Monday with a showcase of decorative pieces made of recycled materials, as part of the city's continuous awareness campaign for at-source trash reduction.

"This is our way to encourage people to reduce, recycle, and reuse waste material. With this event, we encourage participants to create novelty items out of recycled materials," said Danilo Villas, head of the Makati Department of Environment Services (DES) and the local Solid Waste Management Division (SWMD).

Spearheaded by the SWMD, the recycled products exhibit was dubbed "3B sa Pasko," in reference to the activity's slogan, "Basura'y bawasan at balik gamit, baguhin ang anyo ng pasko (Reduce and recycle garbage, change the look of Christmas)."

Among those who registered for the event were students from the city's public schools, barangay organizations, and inmates from the Makati City Jail. Their ingenious creations would be on display in booths at the basement of Makati's old City Hall building until next Friday.

"Through this effort, we give the people a chance to earn. On the part of the city government, this would give us big savings in garbage collection and disposal expenses, because the waste volume is reduced," Villas told the INQUIRER yesterday.

There were no limits on the variety of recycled materials participants could use, and the items they could make out of them. Villas said that while the event was not a competition, outstanding creations would be recognized at the end of the display.

On the second showcase day yesterday, barangays and schools showed off Christmas lanterns made of used plastic bags and containers, painted newspapers, and discarded compact discs.

METROBRIEFS

Death on railroad tracks

IT WAS supposed to be an ordinary day for Imelda Castillo. But as she was about to cross the railroad tracks at the intersection of Gil Puyat and South Superhighway at about 7 a.m. yesterday, a Philippine National Railways train hit the 35-year-old bank employee. Castillo met a gruesome death when a northbound train ran over her as she attempted to move to safety to avoid another oncoming southbound train, a report of the Southern District Traffic Enforcement Office (SDTEO) said. PO3 Alexander Macarunay, case investigator, said in a report that Castillo found herself sandwiched between trains bound for opposite directions, while walking by the tracks at the busy intersection. The victim, a resident of Biñan, Laguna, had walked from the middle lane of South Super Highway toward Gil Puyat when the trains passed through. An investigation revealed that upon seeing the southbound train, she backtracked, unaware that another train was approaching from the other side. Castillo died instantly, according to the report. Investigators have yet to identify the train operator who could be held liable for reckless imprudence resulting in homicide, according to the SDTEO. *Tarra V. Quismundo*

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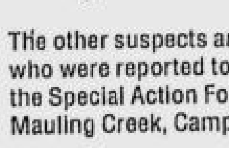

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A POLICEMAN was arrested by the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) operatives late afternoon on Monday as a suspect in a bank robbery last year. For allegedly taking part in a robbery at the United Coconut Planters Bank branch in Makati Avenue, Makati City on Sept. 26, 2004, P01 Dakila Karangalan was arrested by the NCRPO's Regional Intelligence Special Operations Office (RISOO) at around 5:30 p.m. Monday by virtue of a warrant of arrest issued by Judge Rommel Baybay of the Makati City Regional Trial Court Branch 132 . Karangalan was accused of concealing cash amounting to about P2.6 million, said Supt. Sotero Ramos Jr, RISOO chief. The other suspects are Danilo Abunado, Vener Sacdalan, Gary Valdez and Santiago Resultan Jr. who were reported to have carted away P18.7 million from the bank. Karangalan was assigned at the Special Action Force in Camp Bagong Diwa Taguig City. He was arrested near his home at Mauling Creek, Camp Bagong Diwa. *Jocelyn R. Uy*

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Yule spirit takes over mall row

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

TALK ABOUT AN EARLY CHRISTMAS GIFT.

Taking a respite from a raging tug-of-war with Cainta town officials for jurisdiction over the Sta. Lucia Grand Mall, Pasig City Mayor Vicente Eusebio said he would allow Cainta to collect tax payments from stall owners in the mall—but only for the Christmas season.

Though the Supreme Court had already dismissed with finality an earlier motion for reconsideration it had filed on the question of jurisdiction, Cainta again filed another motion to revive its claim on the property.

In a press statement last week, Cainta officials said this legal move meant the status quo should be maintained, meaning stall owners should still pay taxes to Cainta.

But an official at Pasig City, who refused to be named, said stall owners should start paying taxes to Pasig City because "they already have a legal justification."

The official warned that paying to Cainta would not absolve stall owners of tax liabilities to Pasig City.

Eusebio, however, assured stall owners that he would not go after back payments should the high tribunal finally resolve that the contested property is within Pasig City.

Pasig City won a tax collection case against Sta. Lucia filed earlier in a regional trial court. The Court of Appeals later rejected the motion for reconsideration Cainta had filed.

Cainta later appealed the case to the Supreme Court, which denied its petition for review. It again filed a motion for reconsideration, which the high tribunal also denied in a decision dated Aug. 31. But another appeal filed by owners of the Sta. Lucia Mall who want to stay with Cainta ,where taxes are lower than Pasig, is still pending before the Second Division of the Supreme Court.

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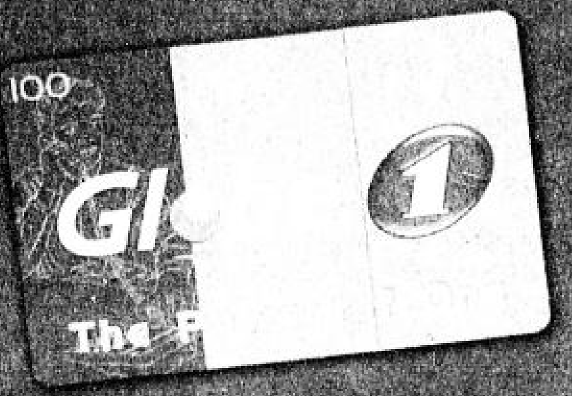

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Bacolod comes alive for Games

BACOLOD CITY—THINGS ARE starting to perk up in this satellite host of the 23rd Southeast Asian Games where the biennial meet's first matches will be played.

After getting knocked off course a bit, the Games' torch arrived here late Monday night, hours after First Gentleman Jose Miguel "Mike" Arroyo dropped by to visit the national athletes stationed here and encourage them to help the country snare the overall title.

The city is also preparing for the arrival of SEA Games delegations starting today.

"It's going to be different because you will be playing for the country here," said Arroyo during his 15-minute speech at the Panaad Stadium. "The strength should come from within you. Let's go for gold, we will be cheering you on."

Aside from men's football—which gets going on Nov. 20 at the Panaad turf and Bacolod City Sports Stadium here, seven days before the Games' opening ceremonies in Manila—Bacolod is hosting boxing (University of St. La Salle Coliseum), indoor volleyball (West Negros College Gym), beach volleyball (USLS ballfield) and weightlifting (Convention Plaza Hotel).

The city was also the next stop of the torch relay, and the flame arrived to the cheers of a big crowd at the Negros Occidental provincial capitol.

From Santander, Cebu, the torch relay proceeded to San Carlos, instead of Mabinay, down to the towns of Pontevedra, San Enrique, Valladolid and the cities of Bago and Bacolod.

Robert Dioso Jr., officer-in-charge of the SEAG torch relay project, said the torch ended up in San Carlos because he had taken the wrong route.

Bago City Mayor Janet Torres turned over the torch to Negros Occidental Gov. Joseph Marañon at the provincial capitol lagoon before the governor passed it on Mayor Evelio Leonardia and Rep. Monico Puentevella, who carried the torch to the Fountain of Justice here.

Arroyo and Philippine Sports Commission chair William "Butch" Ramirez were also briefed by Puentevella on the progress of the rehabilitation of the venues here.

The Singapore delegation is expected to arrive here Wednesday, while Thailand and Indonesian contingents are due Thursday. The delegations from Laos, Malaysia , Myanmar, Vietnam and Cambodia are arriving on Nov. 19. *Cedelf Tupas, Visayas Bureau*

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Lopez promises impartial officiating in SEAG boxing

By Musong R. Castillo

FAIR AND SQUARE.

That's the deal the powerhouse Thais and other fighters stand to get from the Filipinos in the coming Southeast Asian Games, according to Amateur Boxing Association of the Philippines president Manny Lopez.

Though RP pugs are determined to recover from their one-gold output in the 2003 Vietnam SEAG, Lopez said they would so without outside interference.

Lopez has, in fact, inhibited himself from joining the board of juries of the International Amateur Boxing Association (Aiba) which will judge fights set Nov. 28 to Dec. 3 at the University of St. La Salle gym in Bacolod.

"If we are to win gold medals, it's not because of biased officiating but because of hard work," Lopez told sports scribes in yesterday's PSA Forum at the Pantalan restaurant in Manila.

Lightflyweight Harry Tañamor won that solitary Philippine gold in Ho Chi Minh and will be back for another tour of duty.

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Bungled encore: RP dancers miss out on golds

By Jasmine W. Payo

BANGKOK—WITH STILL NO MEDAL TO show, Filipino athletes are certainly not hiding their disappointment.

The Philippines had high hopes of a good performance on Monday night but missed out on a chance to clinch two gold medals in the opener of the dancesport competition in the 1st Asian Indoor Games at the Huamark Sports Complex here.

Seasoned dance couple Michael Mendoza and Belinda Adora led the Philippines' gold medal hopes in the Latin Five Dance, while three-year partners Emmanuel Reyes and Maira Dumlao Rosete also advanced to the final round of the Standard Single Dance-Tango.

But the two Filipino pairs failed to crash in the winners' circle as Japan claimed four gold medals in the Latin Five Dance and the Waltz, Slow Foxtrot and Quicksteps events of the Standard Single Dance. China also had an impressive start, bagging two golds in the Tango and Viennese Waltz events of the Standard Single Dance.

"We're disappointed because we were very close," said Dance Sport Council of the Philippines president Becky Garcia. "The competition is getting tougher. The quality of dancing is very, very high. Plus, there's a big pressure. There's so much expectation from us."

It turned out to be a double heartbreak as the Philippines collapsed against Uzbekistan, 6-2, in women's futsal.

"We could have won the game, we even took the lead," said coach Manny Batungbacal. "The Uzbekistan team doesn't run that much but their players are big."

Thailand leads the four-nation field with a 2-0 record, followed by Uzbekitan at 1-1. The Philippines and Jordan remained winless in two games.

As dancesport pressed its bid for gold, the Philippines opened its campaign in the sports climbing competition.

Four of the five RP bets advanced to the semifinals after completing the designated climbing route in the qualifying round yesterday at the Suphanburi Sports Complex.

Jaime Amiel Pahati was the lone qualifier in the men's Individual Difficulty event, while Elaina Kristine Flores, Barbara Joan Ramiro and Lissa Aireen Lesaca also advanced in the top 26 of the women's event.

The 23-year-old Pahati was just one of 16 climbers who posted a round-best 48 points. Flores reached the route's 40-point mark, Ramiro at 38 and Lesaca at 35.

Kazakhstan still led the medal table with a 15-7-3 gold-silver-bronze tally on the fourth day of the Games among 37 countries in nine sports. China was second with 9-10-5, followed by Thailand with 4-8-14.

Garcia, though, believed that the Philippine danceport team could still land top honors.

Most of the Filipino couples reached the semifinals, including Linda Lagdameo and Joel Ocsena in Tango and Slow Foxstrot; Floralyn Lacario and Roberto Masanque in Viennese Waltz; Filomena Salvador and Rico Rosima in Slow Foxstrot; Joel and Karla Ocsena in Quicksteps; and Dearlie Gerodias and John Erolle Melencio in the Latin Five.

Batungbacal is also hoping for a better showing hours before the Philippines and Jordan shoot for their first win in women's futsal.

"Definitely we're going for a better game, but this has been a good experience for us," said Batungbacal.

The Philippines got off to a good start against Uzbekistan with early goals from Miriam Merlin in the 4th minute and Francine Grace Ruffy in the 11th.

But Uzbekistan closed the first half with a five-point onslaught after quick goals in the 15th, 19th and 20th minutes.

Streaking Giants seek to sustain run vs Kings

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THE PUREFOODS CHUNKEE GIANTS refuse to fool themselves with their league-leading record and continue to look at themselves as the underdogs.

When they take on the Barangay Ginebra Kings in the San Mig Coffee-PBA Fiesta Conference tonight at the Araneta Coliseum—with the goal of trying to stretch a winning run—they still won't consider themselves the favorites.

It's more of a philosophy than a means to lull the opponent into complacency.

"If we think we are the favorites, we wouldn't work as hard anymore," said Purefoods coach Ryan Gregorio.

That philospohy has helped the Giants assemble an 8-2 slate anchored on a recent three-game streak, one that will be put to a test when they face the fan-favorite Kings.

"As much as possible, we don't want to get the crowd involved," said Gregorio. "This is one of the many intangibles that could prove advantageous to Ginebra."

That's why Gregorio hopes hard work will silence the Ginebra faithful. On top of the young coach's list of to-do's is to contain bruising forward Erik Menk.

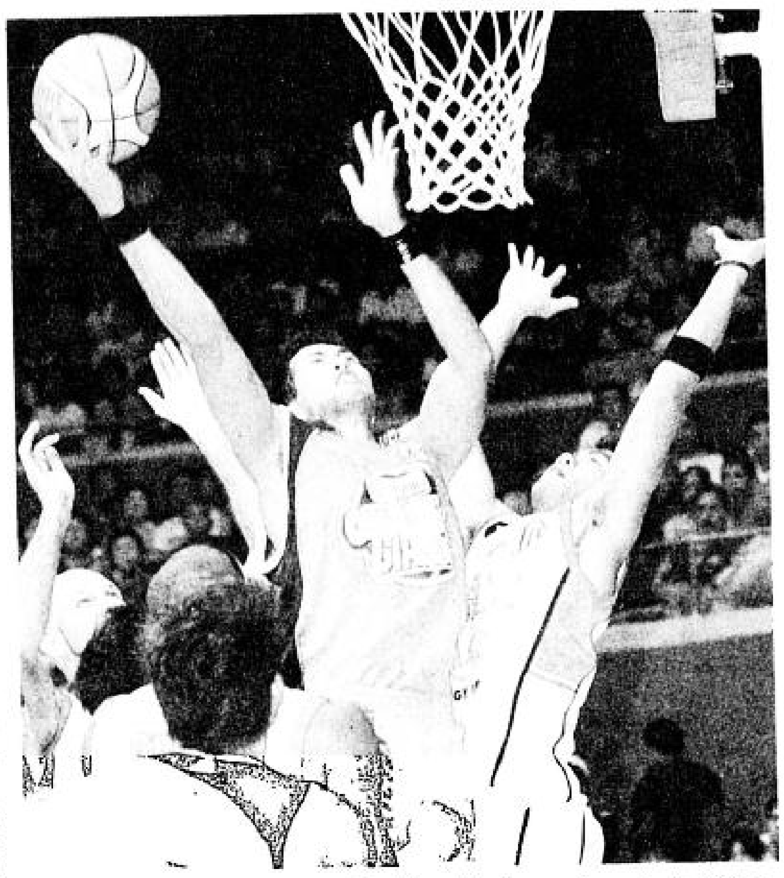
The Kings won four straight after Menk got reinstated. The Red Bull Barako broke the run that put the crowd-favorites (6-4) half a game behind the second-running Talk 'N Text Phone Pals (6-3).

"Coach Siot (Tanquingcen) was right when he said that Menk plays like an import," said Gregorio, who will troop to Laoag City next weekend to coach the North squad of the PBA All-Stars. "But we are ready for him."

Freshman Jondan Salvador and Richard Yee will probably alternate on the hulking Menk.

Meanwhile, the Air21 Express take on the floundering Alaska Aces in the other game. Air21 stunned the Phone Pals and the San Miguel Beermen in the first two of its three tough assignments and hopes to continue its amazing run against the Aces.

The Express have won four of their last six games while the Aces are reeling from back-to-back losses, yielding both games against the Phone Pals and the Coca-Cola Tigers in lopsided fashion.



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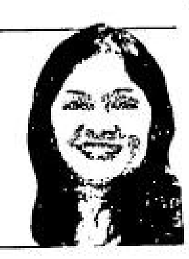

Beth Celis

WITH ONLY 11 DAYS TO GO, BAP PRESIdent Joey Lina said it would take a miracle for the Philippines to be able to defend its title in the Southeast Asian Games here from Nov. 27 to Dec. 5.

The chances are practically nil, he said, even if the BAP wins the illegal expulsion case it filed against the POC last Nov. 2, and even if the POC is ordered by the court to reinstate the BAP, a condition required by the Fiba before it lifts its ban on the Philippines.

"*Masyadong matigas si* Peping (Cojuangco)," Joey said, implying that he did not expect the POC president to seek a reversal of the basketball cancellation, even if Fiba lifts the ban.

For the record, Joey has done practically everything possible, short of begging on his knees, to get the BAP back in the good graces of the POC, which expelled the NSA several months ago for insubordination.

In his previous speeches, Joey always reminded everyone that "hope springs eternal." This strengthened his determination to continuously appeal to Peping for reconsideration, even if he was always either ignored or turned down.

However, over dinner at the Coffee Shop of the Mactan Crown Regency Suites in Cebu last Saturday, Joey's voice and demeanor finally indicated surrender.

He finally accepted the fact that we will not be able to defend our SEA Games crown, which we have held since 1991.

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But even if the BAP has given up on basketball's inclusion in the SEAG, it has not certainly surrendered its existence. On the contrary, its very roots have been strengthened. Last weekend, BAP officials and close to 60 basketball stakeholders from all over the country staged a summit.

The objective, according to Joey, was to establish a mission vision for the organization, to serve as the cornerstone for its development program for the next five years, at least.

Joey personally moderated the working session, successfully stimulating the participation of all the attendees.

Committees were formed to tackle segments of the projected BAP program designed specifically for grassroots development.

For the first time, Joey was looking to introduce several aspects which were overlooked in the past.

"In addition to physical skills, we will give equal emphasis to four other aspects that will produce not only a well-rounded cager but, more importantly, an ideal role model. These are science and technology, mental toughness, nutrition and moral values.

"If we can produce such a cager, that would be be like winning a gold in the Olympics," Joey said.

The BAP head could not believe that he, the regional directors and the stakeholders would accomplish so much in just a few hours.

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A basketball team owned by Manny Pacquiao is joining the newly formed Mindanao-Visayas Basketball Association, which is patterned after the NBA.

The boxing hero's squad, which will be representing General Santos, is named "Pacman."

Initially funded by Cebuano businessman Michel Lhuillier, the league has 16 member teams, eight each from both the Visayas and Mindanao.

While each team will be allowed to field a limited number of "imports" from Luzon, Cebu City councilor Yayoy Alcoseba, who spearheaded the formation of the league, said the rest of the lineup should be "homegrown."

"A Bacolod team, for example, can only recruit players who were born in Bacolod. The same goes for all the other teams," explained Yayoy.

While the formation of the MVBA will surely hurt the NBC, since most of its members come from the South, Yayoy said the move will mean significant savings for these teams, which spend so much on air fares.

"We will also have home-and-away games, but these will not be costly because by land *lang ang* trips from one place to another."

So far, two teams from Cebu and one each from Gen. Santos City, Davao, Valencia in Bukidnon, Misamis Oriental, Iligan, Ozamiz, Cagayan De Oro, Dipolog, Surigao, Ormoc, Iloilo, Bacolod and Dumaguete have signed up.

Incidentally, BAP officials led by sec gen Graham Lim and VP Christian Tan were on the same PAL flight 853 that flew POC president Peping Cojuangco last Saturday morning to Cebu City where he welcomed the SEAG torch from Vietnam. Small world, isn't it?

DLSZ cagebelles take WBL prep lead

DE LA SALLE ZOBEL WON TWO GAMES last Sunday to grab the lead in the high school competitive division of the Milo BEST Centre Women's Basketball League (WBL) at the San Beda College gym in Alabang.

The DLSZ belles demolished SBC-Alabang, 57-15, in the morning and then crushed Community of Learners, 77-28, in the afternoon to remain unbeaten in seven games.

Fiona Luren Molina sparkled a 15-4 run midway in the second period to give DLSZ a 32-16 advantage over the Bedans.

Miriam College (4-0) shared the limelight by routing St. Scholastica's College, 38-13, in the elementary division.

The other results:

High School (developmental)—Immaculate Concepcion Academy d. FAITH, 51-3; Grace Christian School d. CoL, 34-17; Assumption Antipolo d. UP Integrated School, 26-19; and Miriam College d. Southville, 58-8.

High School (competitive)—Assumption d. St. Bridget, 51-25; SB-Alabang d. JASMS, 43-29; and Miriam d. Colegio Sta. Rosa, 70-7, and St. Scho, 67-29.

College—San Beda-Alabang d. DLS Lipa, 51-36; UST d. Miriam, 45-38; and Ateneo d. St. Scho, 64-45.

RP, in disarray, can pick up first gold

BARE EYE

Recah Trinidad

THERE'S ONLY ONE EVENT whose gold medal can now be claimed by the RP contingent.

Twelve days to the grand opening of the Southeast Asian Games, athletics chief Go Teng Kok yesterday made sure this medal would not escape.

The event? Miscommunication.

They may have other names for it, but this was the immediate term that came to mind after GTK, his facial nerves in disarray, slammed Mike Keon for cutting down medal expectations in track and field.

Keon, giving an austere prediction, said GTK's Army could at most land 10 gold medals.

It was said calmly. But the forecast sounded as though Keon had reported there was bird flu in GTK's backyard.

Naaaah, GTK blurted, Keon is being rude, he's insulting the athletes.

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Teng Kok, bragging his charges are capable of landing as many as 15 gold medals, found it foul that Keon could not count properly.

GTK said his forecast was "scientific" and was based on existing records.

He insisted Keon's sloppy forecast could lower the morale of his athletes.

OK, nobody else could be more dedicated to his athletes than GTK himself.

But if he's indeed sure those medals were already in his pocket ("*nasa bulsa ko na 'yung mga iyan*"), nothing and nobody should stop them from winning.

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Keon, for the record, had already raised hackles after he warned earlier that our athletes were losing the hometown edge due to late completion of venues.

Keon got a sharp reply for that, but this was not as fierce and scathing as the acid from GTK's ire.

Not to suggest GTK should've kept his mouth shut.

He could not help but bark.

But if GTK had, say, assured his athletes and instead challenged them to prove Keon wrong, they would've partly succeeded in keeping peace within the RP contingent.

Unfortunately, it's not only peace that's sorely lacking in the run-up to the SEA Games opening.

Obet Pagdanganan could not even declare whether or not he was still the chair of the Philippine Southeast Asian Games Organizing Committee, or Philsoc.

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It's like this. Being in the core of the organizing group, GTK must be reminded there are bigger things that must be won other than medals.

Or is there reason to believe that it was GTK who gave Philsoc the information genius whose very expensive but lame output has led Peping Cojuangco & Co. to beg for outside help?

Anyway, if he's really with the organizing team, GTK should now support efforts in sending the message (to the public) that the SEA Games is just around the corner.

Also: that it's not an event meant to cure the unpopularity of the President or whatever.

Everybody, you and me, has a stake in this grand event, and forget for the moment where this thing called EVAT would lead us.

Too bad there's a minimum of awareness and interest for the SEA Games hereabouts, with not even a handful knowing the shape and name of the mascot.

What we get is the picture of top Games organizers as a disoriented and over-eager boxer.

This boxer continues to throw big blows, but horribly keeps missing the target.

Fil-Am tandem gains q'finals

AMERICAN Chrissie Seredni returns to Japanese qualifier Hiromi Okazaki.

RYAN LIM

SECOND SEED FIL-AMERICANS RIZA ANGELA ZALAMEDA AND DENISE Dy, spearheads of the country's Southeast Asian Games tennis campaign, blasted Israel's Efrat Zlotikamin and Slovakia's Maja Kambic, 6-3, 6-4, yesterday to advance to the doubles quarterfinals of the Holcim ITF Women's Circuit at the Rizal Memorial Tennis Center.

It took only 55 minutes for Zalameda and Dy, playing together for the first time, to bundle out their foes and strengthen their title bid in this, the second leg of the circuit.

"We made some mistakes but it's okay, we're still adjusting," said the 19-year-old Zalameda, who skipped the first leg of the tournament last week due to gastroenteritis.

Zalameda hit a pair of forehand winners as the Fil-Am pair raced to a 5-1 lead in the second set.

And when Zlotikamin and Kambic fought back to take the next three games, 4-5, Dy dished out forehand winners of her own in the next game to finish the match at love.

Zalameda and Dy, together with fellow national team members Anja Vanessa Peter and Czarina Mae Arevalo, open up in the singles first round at 10 a.m. today.

Zalameda battles Thai Varanya Vijuksanaboon, while Dy takes on Aileen Rogan. Peter and Arevalo clash at 12:30 p.m.

Fourth seed American Chrissie Seredni disposed of Japanese qualifier Hiromi Okazaki, 6-3, 6-4, in one of the singles matches played in this $10,000 event.

Other matches: Pichittra Thongdach (Thailand) d. Zhang Ling (HK), 6-4, 6-2; Kim Hae-sung (SK) d. Chen Yi (Taiwan), 6-2, 6-0; Lee Jin-a (SK) d. Noelle Zoleta (RP), 6-3, 6-0; Julianna Gates (US) d. Michelle Pang (RP), 6-3, 6-4; Maja Kambic (Slovakia) d. Kim Jung-eun (SK), 6-2, 7-6 (3); Seo Soon-mi (SK) d. Lim Sae-mi (SK), 6-1, 6-3.

Marc Anthony Reyes

P1-M incentive budget for nat'l cycling squad

AIR21 AND U-FREIGHT PHILS. have pooled a P1-million incentive package for the Philippine cycling team's campaign in the 23rd Southeast Asian Games.

Instead of a one-time bonus for a successful stint in the SEAG competitions, however, each member of the team will be entitled to a monthly stipend for the whole of next year. It means that the gold medalists down to the alternates or reserves and members of the coaching staff and mechanics will receive their honoraria for 12 months.

The package was announced yesterday during the courtesy call by members of Team Cycling Philippines at the Air21 and U-Freight Phils. offices at the Cargohaus Building in Parañaque City.

Except for the male members of the mountain bike team who are deep in training at the event's venue in Danao City, the road, track and criterium riders were present in yesterday's affair also graced by former Customs commissioner Bert Lina, president of PhilCycling.

Also present to welcome the riders headed by coach Jomel Lorenzo were Air21 president Lito Alvarez and domestic sales director Karla Fernandez and U-Freight president Mike Aquino.

Air21 and U-Freight have been cycling's backer for many years. Air21 is the country's leading logistics provider while U-Freight leads in the cargo forwarding industry.

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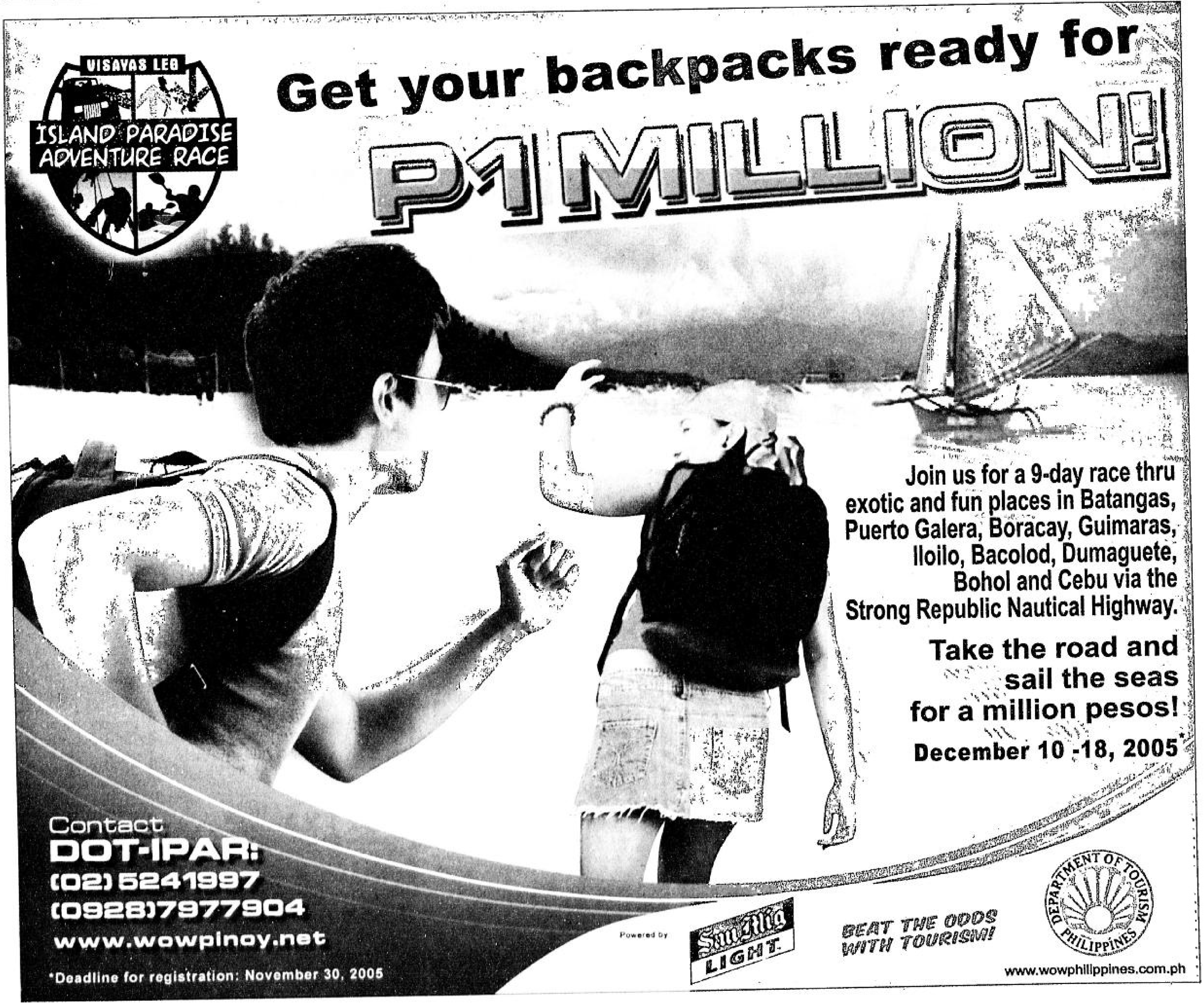

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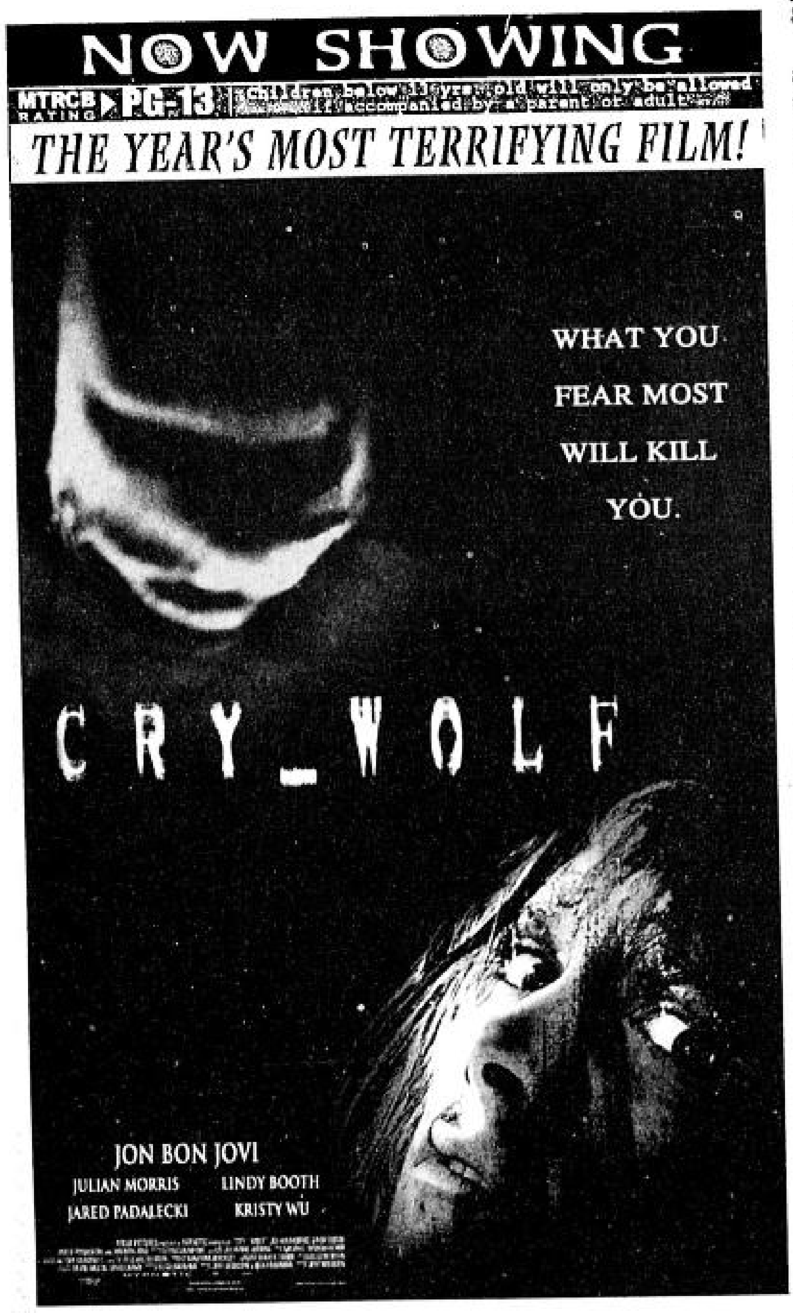
Kings fined, say sorry over video

NEW YORK—THE SACRAMENTO Kings were fined $30,000 by the NBA on Monday for showing derogatory images of Detroit on video screens prior to their home opener against the Pistons.

When the Pistons were introduced on Nov. 8, the Arco Arena scoreboard flashed pictures of abandoned buildings, burned-out cars, piles of rubble and other negative images of Detroit.

The Pistons won 102-88.

The Kings apologized that night and owners Joe and Gavin Maloof bought full-page ads that ran in The Detroit News and Detroit Free Press, expressing "great respect for Detroit's long and rich tradition as a landmark American city and the incredibly positive impact the Motor City has made over the course of our country's history." *AP*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Gasol, Jones lift Grizzlies past sliding Lakers

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE—PAU GASOL HAD 20 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Memphis Grizzlies over the Los Angeles Lakers 85-73 in the NBA on Monday.

Eddie Jones added 16 points for the Grizzlies and Mike Miller had 13 before being helped to the locker room with just under 2 minutes left after banging his right knee while scrambling on the floor for the ball.

Shane Battier had 11 points and 11 rebounds for Memphis, and Lorenzen Wright had 12 rebounds.

Kobe Bryant led the Lakers with 18 points and Chris Mihm had 11 points and 10 rebounds. Bryant, 7-of-18 from the field, turned in his second low-scoring performance after scoring 17 points on Friday against Philadelphia.

The victory was the fourth straight over the Lakers for the Grizzlies, who swept the three-game series last season.

Knicks 73, Jazz 62

At Salt Lake City, Jamal Crawford scored 20 points and New York held Utah scoreless for almost 9½ minutes in the third quarter while pulling ahead for its second straight win.

The Knicks won for only the second time under new coach Larry Brown and improved to 2-2 on a six-game Western Conference road trip. Although New York played the night before in a 105-95 win at Sacramento, it was the Jazz who looked weary while shooting 27-for-75—the worst percentage in team history (29.3).

Injuries hurt Utah, which had only 11 healthy players. Rookie Deron Williams led the Jazz with 18 points and five assists.

Warriors 100, Bulls 82

Jason Richardson scored a season-high 32 points and the Golden State Warriors thrived on a quiet night for Baron Davis, beating the Chicago Bulls 100-82 on Monday night.

Mike Dunleavy and Troy Murphy scored 15 points apiece for the Warriors, who improved to 3-1 at home with strong performances from the supporting cast around Davis. The charismatic point guard had just 10 points and six assists in 34 minutes, but hit two late 3-pointers in a relatively easy night for his sore hamstrings.

Davis' best play was a no-look alley-oop to Richardson in the third quarter. Richardson added another big dunk on a pass from Davis with 2:24 to play, thwarting the Bulls' last rally. *AP*

NBA ON TV: Marcus Camby and the Denver Nuggets visit the Dallas Mavericks today. Solar Sports will air the game starting at 9:30 a.m. Meanwhile, Sportsplus will air the games pitting Utah against Sacramento Kings at 11 a.m. and Washington against Cleveland at 9:30 p.m.

Solar Sports will also air the Inquirer Battle of the Courts badminton tournament finals held recently at Rockwell tonight at 9.

GOLDEN STATE'S Jason Richardson dunks as he gets his shirt pulled by a defender. AP

WHEN just plain good defense is not enough, player
(right) knocks Eddy Curry's head band enough to co

Life without S

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE—IT WAS A LITTLE more than an hour before game time Monday night when a local television cameraman joined the regular session with reporters that Lakers coach Phil Jackson holds outside the locker room.

His question: How much of a challenge is it without the big guy in the middle?

"We're exploring life without Shaq (O'Neal)," Jackson said, "and enjoying it, too."

On this night, however, Jackson would have nothing to enjoy. Not after the Lakers flirted with a franchise record for futility in an 85-73 loss to the Memphis Grizzlies at FedEx Forum, scoring a combined 26 points in the second and third quarters.

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1 pm : Ang Tanging Ina
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9:30 pm : Moral

Nov. 26 (Saturday)
1 pm : She Says: Women in News (US)
4 pm : A Little Color (Switzerland)
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9:30 pm : The Road Home (China)

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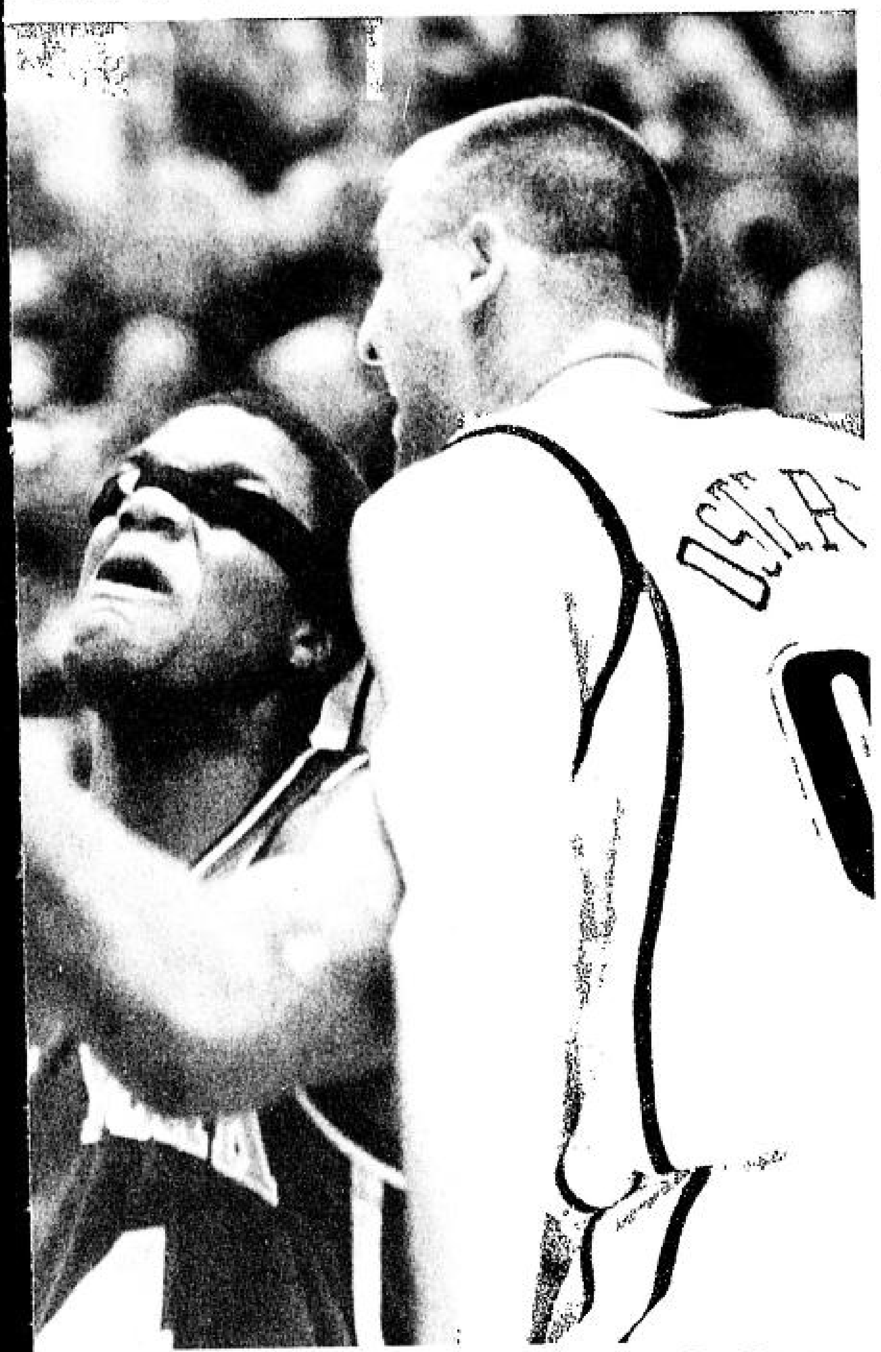

s go for a few underhanded tricks. Above, Utah Jazz center Greg Ostertag ver the New York Knicks' big man's eyes. AP

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ute saved the Lakers from setting -time record for the fewest points n a game. They were on the wrong n 89-70 loss to Cleveland in Novem- 2.

doesn't matter to me about those Jackson said. "They are pathetic. It oor offensive game. We didn't move right. We didn't shoot the ball right. e things, they'll happen. Those are nbers."

ed, it is still early in the season, but has become a serious concern for the who fell to 3-4. They averaged only s and shot just 37.2 percent in los- Minnesota, Philadelphia and Mem- his four-game trip.

ught we'd have our ups and downs being that it's a new system, trying to learn it," Kobe Bryant said.

As Bryant has gone, so have the Lakers, and the superstar guard finished Monday with 18 points on 7-for-18 shooting, playing a season-low 34 minutes. Jackson also revealed that Bryant has been bothered by a finger injury on his shooting hand.

Bryant sprained the "trigger finger," in his words, when he banged it against the rim last week against Atlanta. He missed 20 of the 27 shots he took Friday at Philadelphia, and Jackson said he was reluctant to shoot against the Grizzlies.

The Lakers traded O'Neal to Miami in the offseason last year and missed the playoffs in their first season without the hulking center. *New York Times News Service*

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New York," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said. "On behalf of our devoted New York Yankee fans, I look forward to great things for many years from 'A-Rod' as a Yankee."

Voters from the Baseball Writers Association of America gave Rodriguez 16 first-place votes and 331 points to 11 first-place votes (307 points) overall for Ortiz.

Rodriguez, whose homer total was the most by a right-handed hitter in club history, helped the Yankees' $200-million lineup finish 95-67 to capture an eighth consecutive AL East division title. *AFP*

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WITH the likes of Andre Agassi walking out, tennis' yearend tournament now looks like a second-rate luxury car, say organizers. AP

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Drewett refused to blame the schedule and pointed out that Agassi sprained his ankle playing racketball four weeks ago and Hewitt's no-show was because his wife is expecting a baby.

In Tuesday night's action, Federer was playing Ivan Ljubicic while David Nalbandian was up against Guillermo Coria. *Reuters*

HALL-OF-FAME

Little girl Webb fulfills big dream

ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA—KARRIE WEBB'S grand prize for winning a junior event as a teenager was getting to spend a week with Australian icon Greg Norman. On Monday, she joined him in the World Golf Hall of Fame.

Webb, who captured the career Grand Slam quicker than any other player and is the only woman to win all five of the US LPGA Tour majors, became the youngest member of the Hall of Fame when she was inducted with four others.

"It's hard to believe I'm here tonight," the 30-year-old Aussie said. "I still feel like a little girl with big dreams from a small town in Ayr."

In a ceremony that highlighted women, she was joined in the Hall of Fame by Ayako Okamoto of Japan. Inducted posthumously were Willie Park Sr., the first British Open champion; writer Bernard Darwin; and golf course architect Alister MacKenzie, whose designs include Augusta National, Cypress Point and Royal Melbourne.

For Webb, the induction couldn't get here soon enough.

Webb took the LPGA Tour by such force that she needed only five years to reach the required 27 points—one point for a victory and major award, two points for majors—then had to put in her 10 years on tour to be eligible.

"It's something I never dreamed I would achieve," she said.

She was the most dominant newcomer to the LPGA Tour since Nancy Lopez, winning twice, finished in the top 10 in her first six tournaments and became the first woman to break the $1 million mark in 1996.

But she really made her mark in the majors.

Webb won her first one in 1999 at the du Maurier Classic outside Calgary with four birdies on the last five holes. The rest of her majors came easily. She won by 10 shots at the 2000 Kraft Nabisco, then won the US Women's Open by five shots at the Merit Club.

It took her only seven majors to capture the Grand Slam, although the final piece was the most difficult.

She had a three-shot lead going into the final round of the '01 LPGA Championship, but learned that morning her grandfather, Mick Collinson, had suffered a stroke in Australia and was dying. Webb wanted to withdraw, but her parents persuaded her to play, and she fought through tears to win by three.

Her grandfather died a few hours before she made it home.

Webb, fighting back tears during her induction, told of Sunday mornings at Ayr Golf Club as a 4-year-old with plastic clubs, able to play only one hole before her grandfather put her on his golf bag and toted her the rest of the way on his pull cart. Her grandparents bought her real clubs on her 8th birthday.

"It seems like a big jump from that memory to be standing before you tonight," she said.

Norman was a huge influence, too. Webb watched the Shark win the '86 Queensland Open, then came home and told her parents she wanted to be a professional golfer. *AP*

AN OVERWHELMED Karrie Webb sheds a tear during the ceremony. AP

Weightlifting head SEA Games visitor

By Marc Anthony Reyes

INTERNATIONAL WEIGHLIFTING FEDERATION president Tamas Ajan of Hungary will grace the Southeast Asian Games weightlifting competition in Bacolod City on Nov. 27 to Dec. 5.

This was announced yesterday by Philippine Weighlifting Association president, Rep. Monico Puentevella, whose charges are bidding to surpass their lone bronze medal output in 2003.

Ajan has visited the country once in 2002, when he paid a courtesy to President Macapagal-Arroyo along with Puentevella, who was then elected as the first Filipino president of the Asian Weightlifting Association.

Puentevella said the region has now become a force to reckon with in weightlifting, citing the medals won by Asians in the Athens Olympics.

He added that the RP lifters' target is to better their one-bronze effort in Hanoi, where they were represented by only two athletes.

Ajan used to be the Hungarian Olympic Committee president but resigned after three Hungarian lifters tested positive for doping in Athens.

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Ameme warns Bautista: 'Don't bring your bicycle'

BAUTISTA

AMEME

By Salven L. Lagumbay
Contributor

UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA WARRIOR Obote "Thunder" Ameme yesterday said he will be waging an all-out war against WBO Asia-Pacific bantam king Rey "Boom Boom" in Tagbilaran, Bohol, this Saturday.

"That will be very, very good," said Ameme, when told that Bautista is the type who comes to fight and entertain fans with his take-no-prisoner fighting style.

Appearing to be in tiptop shape and sporting his tomahawk hairstyle, Ameme, through his England-educated interpreter/manager Emmanuel Mlundwa, warned Bautista not to take his bicycle and budge one bit. Ameme said Bautista should prove his worth in front of his local fans.

Ameme did not look bothered by the 15-hour trans-continental trip from his hometown in Dar-Es-Salaam City (Harbor of Peace) to Cebu, which had layovers in Dubai and Manila. In fact, he said, everything has been perfect since their arrival in Cebu Monday evening and he looks forward to trading blows with the 18-year-old Bautista.

Ameme, who said he isn't bothered by the weather as Tanzanian climate is "almost the same as the Philippines," was just half a kilo above the 118-lb regulatory weight limit and should find no trouble making this Friday's weight limit.

"The good thing about Ameme is he always trains even if he has no fight," said Mlundwa. "There was no problem with conditioning."

Ameme and Mlundwa left Cebu for Bohol at 2 p.m. yesterday.

Meanwhile, Indon Victor Mausol, the WBO Asia-Pacific super-featherweight champ, also arrived in Bohol yesterday accompanied by manager Pino Bahari. Mausol will defend his title against Tagbilaran's Czar Amonsot in the co-featured 12-rounder.

NCA 8-stag finals

THE GRAND National Championship 8-stag derby enters its final round today with more than 50 fights at the air-conditioned Makati Coliseum. The prestigious Stagfighter of the Year title from the National Cockers Association (NCA) will be disputed today. At least 12 participants have a shot at winning the award. They are Lito Orillaza, Patrick Antonio, Rep. Jing Paras and Biboy Enriquez, Rudy Albano, Vice Gov. Boyet Joson, Boy Jiao, Beng Calivoso, Jun Santiago, Rep. Gerry "Boy" Espina, Frank Berin, Gov. Ito Ynares and Rep. Ronnie Puno. Up next at Makati Coliseum is the Pamaskong Salpukan 6-Cock Derby on Dec. 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 26 and 28.

The event, to be hosted by WTJ Sports and Amusement Corp., dangles a guaranteed prize of P3 million plus brand new Toyota Innova. Entry fee is P11,000. Reservation of cockhouses is open. For inquiries, call 896-3545 and 895-6475.

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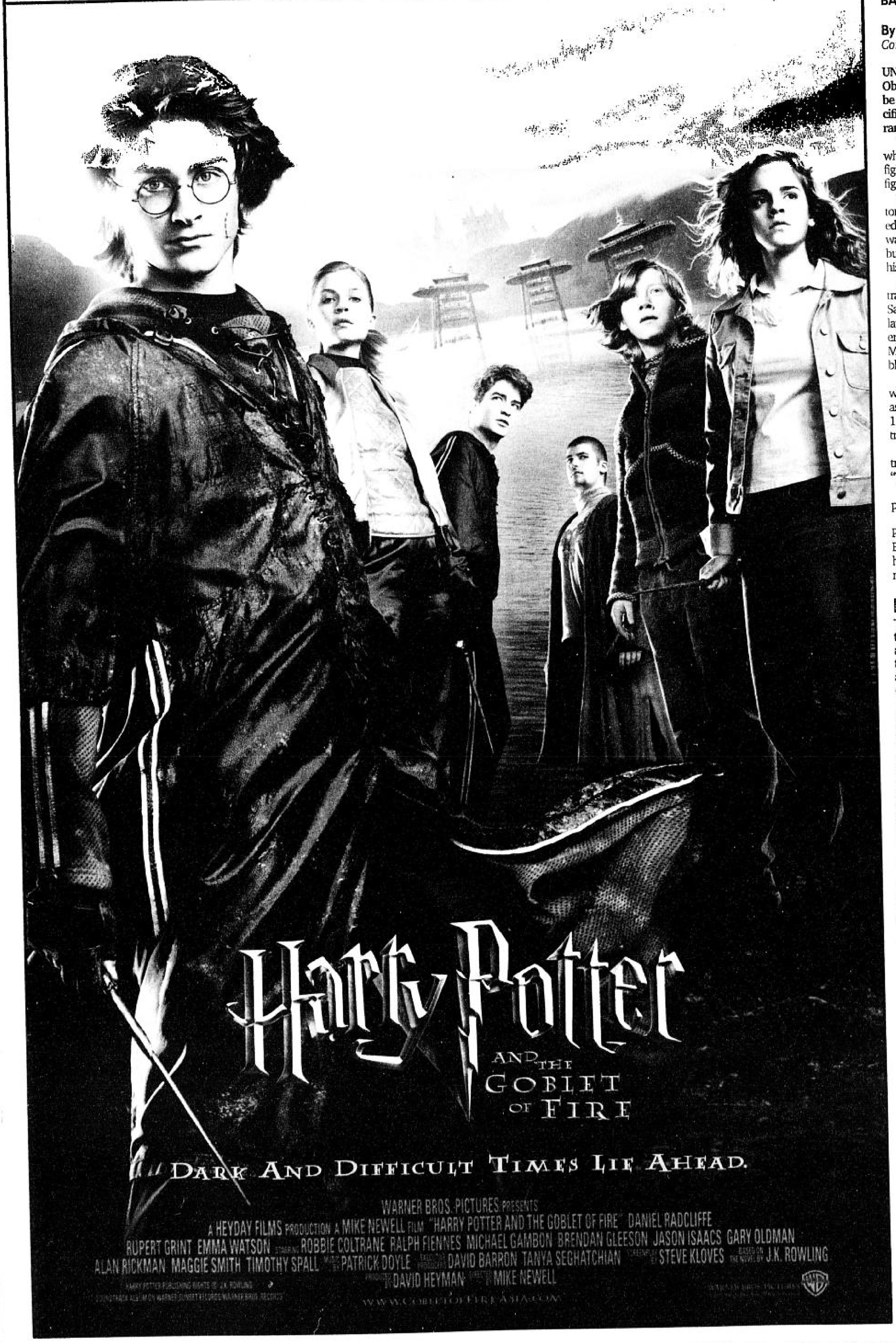
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Eagles, Archers gird for dream battle

THEY'RE AT IT AGAIN, TWO COLLEGIATE rivals preparing for yet another battle.

No team is leaving any stone unturned. In fact, one of the squads practiced during All-Saints' Day break, even if what's at stake is mainly bragging rights.

Legends and present-day basketball stars of Ateneo and La Salle are again on a collision course with the "Ateneo-La Salle Dream Games 05–The Best of the Best" set Dec. 8 at the Araneta Coliseum.

The event is jointly organized by the Ateneo High School Class '81, La Salle High School Class '81, the Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) and VDV Sports.

VDV Sports Chair Carlos (Bobong) Velez, a La Salle and Ateneo alumnus and project director of the event, appeared in yesterday's PSA Forum at the main function room of the Pantalan Restaurant in Manila along with other officials involved in the undertaking—PBA commissioner Noli Eala, Sonny Barrios of VDV Sports, JJ Atayde (La Salle HS '81) and Vince Araneta (Ateneo HS '81).

"The games are going to be a whiff of fresh air for all people to watch," said Velez in the public sports program sponsored by Red Bull, Circure, Supermax, Pagcor and Manila Mayor Lito Atienza.

The event is an official project of the PBA and sanctioned by the league board, according to Eala, who attended La Salle Greenhills High School and Ateneo for his undergraduate and law studies. Part of the proceeds will be given to the Players' trust fund.

For Velez, it's a comeback to sports promotions having made a name for himself as the promoter of the first-ever La Salle-Ateneo Dream Game in 1975.

Four years later, Velez organized another Ateneo-La Salle extravaganza. He went on to produce the PBA on TV for over 18 years, from 1982 to 2000.

The main event features PBA stars from both schools who will team up with present-day varsity players.

Ateneo's pros are Rich Alvarez, Paolo Bugia, Larry Fonacier, Wesley Gonzales, Olsen Racela, Rico Villanueva, Vince Hizon and Jec Chia while present-day collegiate stars are LA Tenorio, JC Intal, Japeth Aguilar and Doug Kramer. Ateneo coach is Chot Reyes.

La Salle's pros are Jun Limpot, Mark Telan, Don Allado, Mike Cortez, Mac Cuan, Ren-Ren Ritualo, Mark Cardona and Willie Wilson while the current varsity stars are Joseph Yeo, Rico Maierhofer, Jun-Jun Cabatu and Ryan Arana. La Salle coach is Yeng Guiao.

Velez revealed that Reyes even called for practice during the All Saints' Day holiday break.

The preliminary game is a Legends showdown. For reservations, call 817-4554 and 845-3125.

YOU'VE seen this before and you'll see it again. Mike Cortez (left) and Enrico Villanueva, now playing in the PBA, relive their collegiate face-offs in the coming exhibition match pitting the biggest names of La Salle and Ateneo, past and present. PDI PHOTO

Peña starts Macau GP practice run

HIS STINT IN THE ASIAN FORMULA THREE will serve him in good stead as Dado Peña plunges into action today in practice runs for the Macau Formula Three Grand Prix set on Nov. 20.

"I am prepared," Peña said yesterday as he and his crew put the finishing touches on the Champ Team car he will use. "I've picked up some good lessons from my experience in the AF3 and I know they are very valuable to me as I race against the big guns of Formula Renault."

"I will not waste this chance to claim victory," added Peña, 18, who is competing in the Formula Renault race, one of the major side events of the Macau Formula Three Grand Prix.

Peña, who is backed by International Container Terminal Serviced Inc., PLDT MyPAD, PLTD MyDSL, Addict Mobile, Hanjin Shipping and tigerairways.com, also claimed he is all set to race against an experienced field led by defending champion Hans Lim of Taiwan.

Peña, who finished sixth overall in the AF3 Grand Prix that ended earlier this month, is getting ample support from the Champ Team that fielded the winning driver last year.

The young driver, son of AF3 chair Eddie Peña, is also being backed up by his own crew led by Team Goddard-Minardi Asia owner Mark Goddard and chief engineer Berto Bautista.

For more details on the Macau Formula Three Grand Prix, race enthusiasts can log on to www.asianf3.net and www.pldtmypad.com.

Baron golf stakes four luxury trips

THE THIRD BARON TRAVEL-ROYAL Caribbean Golf Classic tees off today at the Legends Course of the Manila Southwoods Golf and Country Club, home of the tournament since its inception three years ago.

The exclusive tournament, hosted by Baron Travel for its patrons and corporate clients, will feature more than a hundred top executives of various corporations.

Baron Travel is putting at stake four Royal Caribbean Cruise packages inclusive of airfares as hole-in-one prize in all the four par three holes. More prizes are at stake including cruises, airline tickets, hotel and resort accommodations and other exciting giveaways during the grand raffle to be held during the awards ceremony.

Other sponsors are The Manila Southwoods Golf and Country Club, Philippine Airlines, Korean Air, Continental Airlines, Asian Spirit, South East Asia Airlines, El Nido Resort, CJH Development Corp., PMC Finance Corp. and AssistCard International.

Montaña hopes to turn tide, gets back Baguion, Magpayo

By Marc Anthony Reyes

CAN A WILY POINT GUARD AND A MOBILE BIG man turn the fortune of Montaña Pawnshop around in the 2006 PBL Heroes Cup?

Coach Robert Sison thinks so as he put back veteran play maker Froilan Baguio and outside gunner Al Magpayo into the Jewels' roster in an attempt to prop up their lackluster start.

The Jewels dropped two of their first three games, including a shocking 60-68 loss to Harbour Centre two weeks back. They also bowed to Granny Goose Tortillos last week, casting doubts on their ability to land in the finals for the third time.

Both Baguion, a gutsy 5-foot-8 guard, and the 6-foot-5 Magpayo, an inside-outside operator, played key roles in Montaña's championship last year—its first since joining the league in 1998.

Baguion was earlier dropped from the squad following a disagreement with the coaching staff while Magpayo was drafted by Coca-Cola in the PBA last August.

Realizing his folly, Baguion apologized to the team management and was allowed re-entry while Magpayo was reacquired after getting cut by the Tigers recently.

Magpayo's agility, strong rebounding and shooting touch from beyond the three-point arc was sorely missed by the Jewels during their losing cause against Rain or Shine in the finals of the Unity Cup last June.

"I'm happy with the return of the two, we hope we can play much better this time," said Sison.

REGATTA CHAMPION: Karen Dinglasan (second from left) and Mark Haswell, aboard the Hobie 16 *Bilis Bilk*, won the EJ Roxas Cup during the recent Club Punta Fuego's 4th Annual Sailing Fiesta 2005, held in the coastline of Nasugbu, Batangas. Punta Fuego Lower Beach Club general manager Xavi Gimeno (left) and Regatta chair Jerry Rollin award the champion duo during the closing ceremony. About 26 boats participated in this year's 2-day regatta competition organized by the Club's Marina and Sports Committee chair Santi Elizalde, with members Gimeno, Manu Mantecon, Marina manager and Rollin.

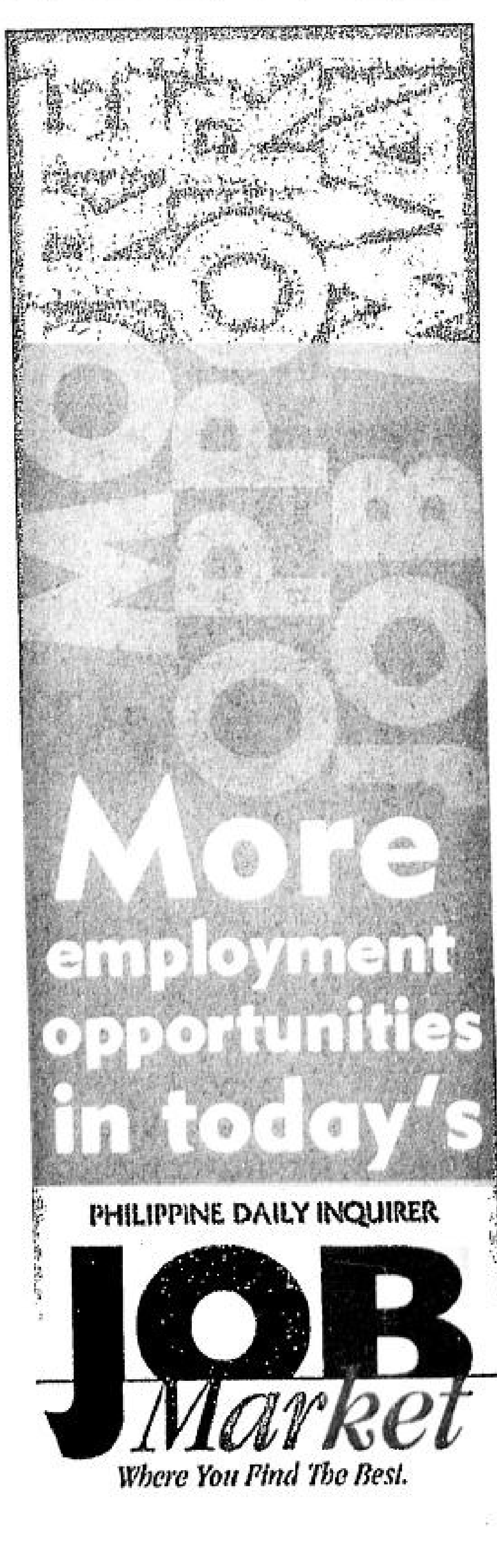
Don Enrique Heights bags Nokia intervillage title

DON ENRIQUE HEIGHTS HELD OFF Tahanan in their final round shootout, pooling a solid 366 aggregate and romping away with a 14-point victory to capture the 2005 Nokia intervillage golf crown at the north course of the Canlubang golf complex in Laguna Monday.

Romeo Ignacio, who keyed the team's 358-point output in the first round at the south course last week, scored his second straight 39 points under the Stableford scoring system. That output was matched by Wilmer Embuscado and Jose Santos Jr. as Don Enrique Heights turned what had been a tight contest with first round topnotcher Tahanan into a rout with a 724.

Tahanan, which nipped Don Enrique Heights in the opener of the 36-hole finals sponsored by Nokia, failed to sustain its form despite drawing two 39 points from Lito Abad and Eduardo Reyes as it churned out a 349 and settled for the C Division title with a 707.

Casa Verde, behind Ferdie Agustin's maximum 40-point feat, came through with a 351 to rule the A Division with a 686 for an 11-point victory over BF Resort Village Golfers Association, which had a 675 after a 338.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Ongpauco 14th in bowling World Cup

LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA—TYRONE ONGPAUCO of the Philippines rolled a six-game series of 1274 pinfalls Monday to rank 14th after the first day of the 41st AMF Bowling World Cup at the Gladiator Bowling Center here.

Ongpauco fired a 255 in the second game after a 191 start as he made his debut in the world's most prestigious individual kegfest.

The other RP entry—Ellen Ramos—carded 1141 in six games to check in 23rd place in the women's division.

Ramos had a shaky start. After firing 202 and 211 in the second and third games, she managed 193, 193 and 171 in the next for a 190.17 average.

Sweden's Helen Johnson, Malaysia's Wendy Chai and the United States' Lynda Barnes grabbed the top three places.

Johnson came through with 1341 to finish 18 pins ahead of Chai and 41 in front of Barnes.

Canada's Michael Shmidt showed the way in the men's division with 1413. Iceland's Arnar Saegberrson came in second with 1379, followed by Singapore's Dominic Lim Zhong with 1365.

Last year's runnerup, Petter Hansen of Norway, ranked fourth 1356.

England's Steve Thornton provided the biggest excitement in the opening round by scoring a perfect game.

The Canadian frontrunner had two big games of 265 and 261.

He dipped below 200 only once after producing 236, 234 and 222.

FRISBEE TOURNEY: High leaps and dramatic catches will be the main fare of the 2005 Manila Spirits International Tournament set Nov. 26-27. The best Ultimate players from all over Asia, including Singapore, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Korea and Chinese Taipei will be competing against local teams in the third edition of the event.

Kim tops 2nd Nasac golfest

NICK Kim of GRM International carded a net 69 to emerge individual champion in the 2nd Nasac (National Social Action Council) Chair's Golf Cup tournament held recently at the Camp Aguinaldo course in Quezon City. The foursome of Cesar Orbe, Bing Alcantara, Manuel Peralta and Carlo Iñigo Jr. combined for 288 to win the team title. Sportsman-philanthropist Antonio Cabangon Chua of Fortune Life Group led the ceremonial tee off, together with Nasac chair Philip "Popoy" Ella Juico, sponsors Bert Garcia of C-Lium Fibre, Ronald Kapunan of PCSO and Rey Sanchez. Sponsors were the PSC, Fortune Life Group, TMS Ship Agency Inc., Fedex Air21, Rare Sales, Hapee Toothpaste, Manila North Tollways Corp., Oriental and Motolite Marketing Corp., Pag-Ibig, PCSO, Dream Satellite, GSIS, Jemah Films, Solar Sports, SSS, C-Lium Fibre, Mareco 105.1 Crossover, Citibank, Electrobus Consolidated, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and San Miguel Corp.

Morales rules road racing

ROSARIO, BATANGAS—RENAN MORALES wrapped up the Road Racing Championship at the Batangas Racing Circuit right on his first crack at the sport.

"I realized that I was way ahead in the standings anyway and so I just enjoyed the final two rounds, no pressure at all whatsoever," said Morales. "It was a very relaxed ride, but still I came up with two podium finishes."

Morales, who is backed by paragon Brokerage Corp., RPM Racing, Bridgestone and Shift Racing, banked on three first-place finishes in the RRC series for an aggregate of 127 points, enough to ward off the charge of eventual runner-up Koki Beech, who had 122. Jay Cortez was third with 117 points.

What made Morales' feat even more impressive was the fact that he was a novice at motorbike racing.

"I've been racing on four wheels for years, and the RRC is my very first venture into the world of motorbike racing," said Morales. "I can't forget my first time with a motorbike early this year, it's a different, exhilarating feeling and I've been hooked ever since."

Morales' teammate, David Pua, placed fifth in the final round.

Morales finished the series' final two races at third and second spots, respectively, but it didn't matter as he was already beyond reach of his pursuers in the series sanctioned by the National Motorcycle Sports and Safety Association (Namssa).

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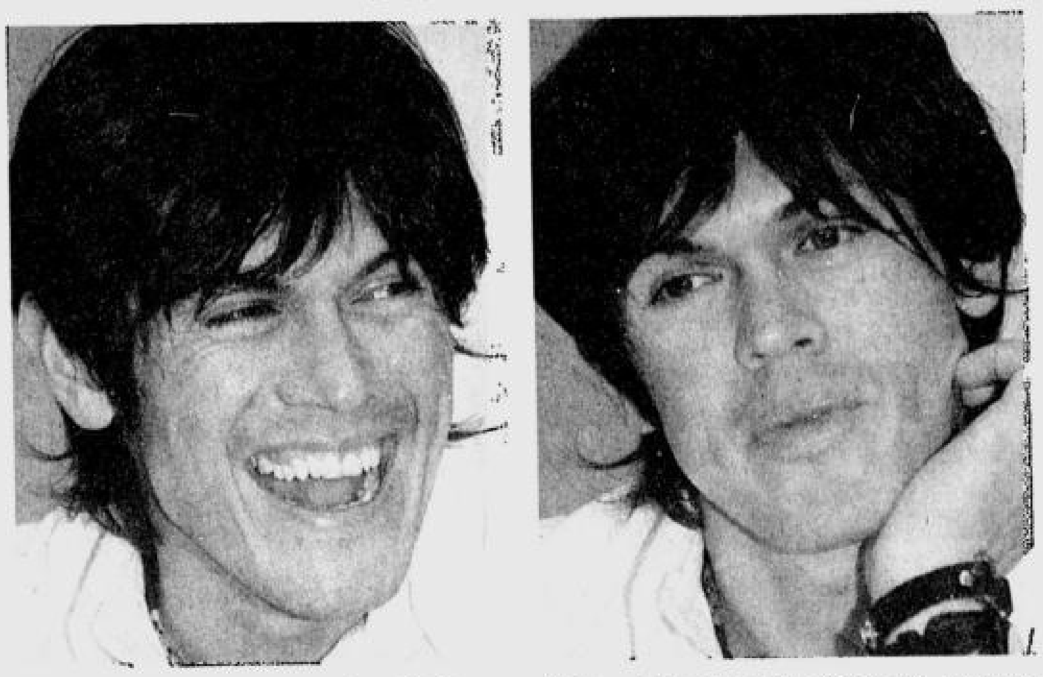

MIG Ayesa takes off his coat, rolls up his sleeves and chats with INQUIRER Entertainment. ERIK ARAZAS

‘It’s pay-up time!’

TAKE FIVE

HERE HE IS, JET-LAGGED AND ALL. But Fil-Aussie rocker MiG Ayesa flashes his toothy grin and lets the love shine from the famous blue-green eyes ... and girls at PDI swoon.

MiG is 35 and married. Okay. But he looks gorgeous in striped jeans and a simple white shirt under a black velvet coat (pretty much like the one he wore during the finals of “Rock Star INXS”), which he takes off when he steps into the conference room.

(This is a muffled scream, right here.)

The second runner-up in the reality TV-style global search for a new front man for Australian band INXS, MiG was clearly Asian fans’ winner, thank you very much. As any avid “Rock Star” follower knows, he never landed in the dreaded bottom three until the very end.

He jests, “‘Rock Star’ was the greatest thing that I’ll never do again.” And then he seats himself for a cup of instant coffee and a chat with INQUIRER Entertainment.

Are you playing in Cebu (Thursday, at the Ad Congress) with local musicians that you’ve met?

No I’ve never met them.

The house band in “Rock Star” was great!

Oh my gosh! They were phenomenal!

Many of us saw all the episodes ... all the replays, too, including the ones at 2 a.m. and 4 a.m.

Oh my gosh! Oh my gosh! To be honest, I haven’t even seen all the episodes. [But] you have? All of them? Even the reality TV part? Wow!

We probably know more about “Rock Star” than you do.

That’s probably true because we were kept in the dark, really. We weren’t told anything [at the mansion where the contestants stayed].

Have you kept in touch with any of the guys?

Yeah! In fact, I spoke to Suzie [McNeil] just as I was boarding the plane. I’m good friends with Marty [Casey] and I’m in touch with him. I spoke with Deanna [Johnston] just before I left, too. I spoke to JD [Fortune] a few times as well. Jordis [Unga] is doing really well. I keep in touch with all of them—some more than others but they all have been very good friends. When you’re in a house like that sharing those emotional experiences, I can equate it to being like war buddies, you know?

Emotional?

Very emotional. You’re performing for the world. So much is at stake. Everyone feels the pressure and we lean on each other. Every week it’s about, “Let’s put on the best show possible.” We all worked with each other.

When did you start feeling the support of Filipino fans?

When it dawned on me that I hadn’t been in the bottom three. I was like, “What’s going on here?” The producer said, “Hey they love you in the Philippines.” I was like, “Really?” Now, I

IT’S PAY-UP/ A2-4

‘I hope to meet someone I can have a family with’

BUT he’s not all that lucky with girls, Constantine claims. RYAN LIM

By Marinel R. Cruz

TAKE FIVE

“I WAS ALWAYS HOPPING FROM ONE JOB TO another. Now, it’s nice to just wake up every morning and think about my music and acting. I don’t have to go back to waiting tables.”

Constantine Maroulis, finalist in the 2005 edition of the wildly popular “American Idol,” spoke with the local entertainment press on Monday about life before and after the talent search.

Said the New York-based rocker. “I worked very hard for a long time in this business just to get a job—I’ve studied, I’ve toured, everything. [Now] the attention is a bit overwhelming. I’m actually a shy person, believe it or not.”

Constantine is in the country for a series of concerts, titled “Constantine Maroulis Live at Ayala Malls.”

Tomorrow night, at 8 p.m., Constantine will be at the Greenbelt 3 Park in Makati City. On Friday, 7 p.m., he will perform at the Alabang Town Center. On Saturday, he flies to Cebu for a show at the Ayala Mall there.

How do you handle women swooning over you?

I don’t have much luck with women. But I’d like to just concentrate on my work. Hopefully, I’d meet somebody I could fall in love with and have a family with.

How about *men* swooning over you?

Well, I’m flattered that anyone likes me and what I do—as long as they dig my music, too. I’ve been involved in theater so I’m used to [various] sexual orientations. I’m very comfortable with everybody. I also grew up with a very culturally diverse family, with my parents being Greek Orthodox. I’m cool with everyone.

Are you going back to theater?

I’ve already received a lot of calls from New York about some new shows. I love the theater. But right now, it’s important from me to focus on my solo career and the album that I will be working on full time this winter.

If you had to really focus, would you be an actor or a singer?

I grew up doing both. I consider myself a Renaissance man. I studied dance, music and acting. I play instruments, I love rock ’n’ roll, jazz. I like to do all [of that]. That’s probably why it took me this long to get to where I am—I’ve spread myself thin. But I’m cool with that.

Let’s talk about *your* idols, what’s the first rock band that you really loved?

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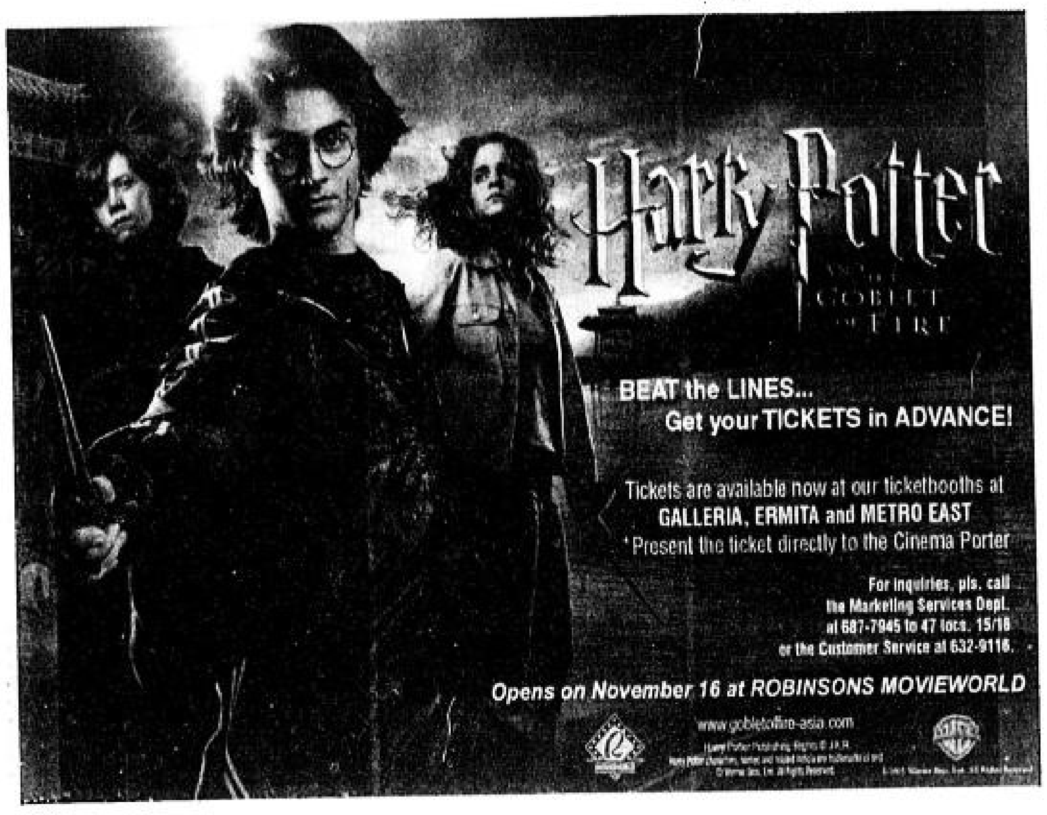

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HE SANG a few lines of "Bohemian Rhapsody" at the press con. RYAN LIM

'I hope to meet someone ...

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It has got to be The Doors. Jim Morrison was an amazing poet and a great performer. I also like stuff from the '80s, like Bon Jovi, Guns 'n' Roses, Nirvana and Queen.

Turning the tables, what would be the three questions you'd ask your fans?

Are you going to stay with me forever? Are you always going to be a friend of mine? What is it, besides my singing or the way I look, that you like about me?

Are you dating anyone?

No. I don't have time. It's not fair to the girl. You know, being single is boring. It would be nice to share all these great things with someone.

How's Constantine when he's in love? Do you serenade your woman?

Most of the time, the girls I date are sick with my singing all the time. They only sort of want to see the other side of me. Yeah, I'm pretty romantic.

What's your take on the idea that you're a role model for the youth?

I welcome it. I love children and I think I could be a good role model. I have a positive outlook of the world. I come from a good family. I've always worked hard. I've always taken school seriously. I've always tried to be respectful to other people. I make mistakes but I always overcome them. I think that's important. No one's perfect.

What's the greatest lesson you've learned from 'AI'?

That I still have a lot to learn in the business and with my art. That's what I love about my art, it's ever growing, whether as an opera singer, rock singer, classical or Shakespearean actor. It's a continuous process. You can learn from everyone.

What was your first reaction when you heard you were being invited to a faraway place called the Philippines?

I was so flattered. This is not my first trip to Asia. I've been to Japan when I was touring "Rent." We played in Tokyo and Osaka. Japan is a beautiful country but it's not like here. The Philippines is really special. I wish I had the opportunity to come here before. I've heard about the beautiful beaches in Cebu. I'm just so excited to be here.

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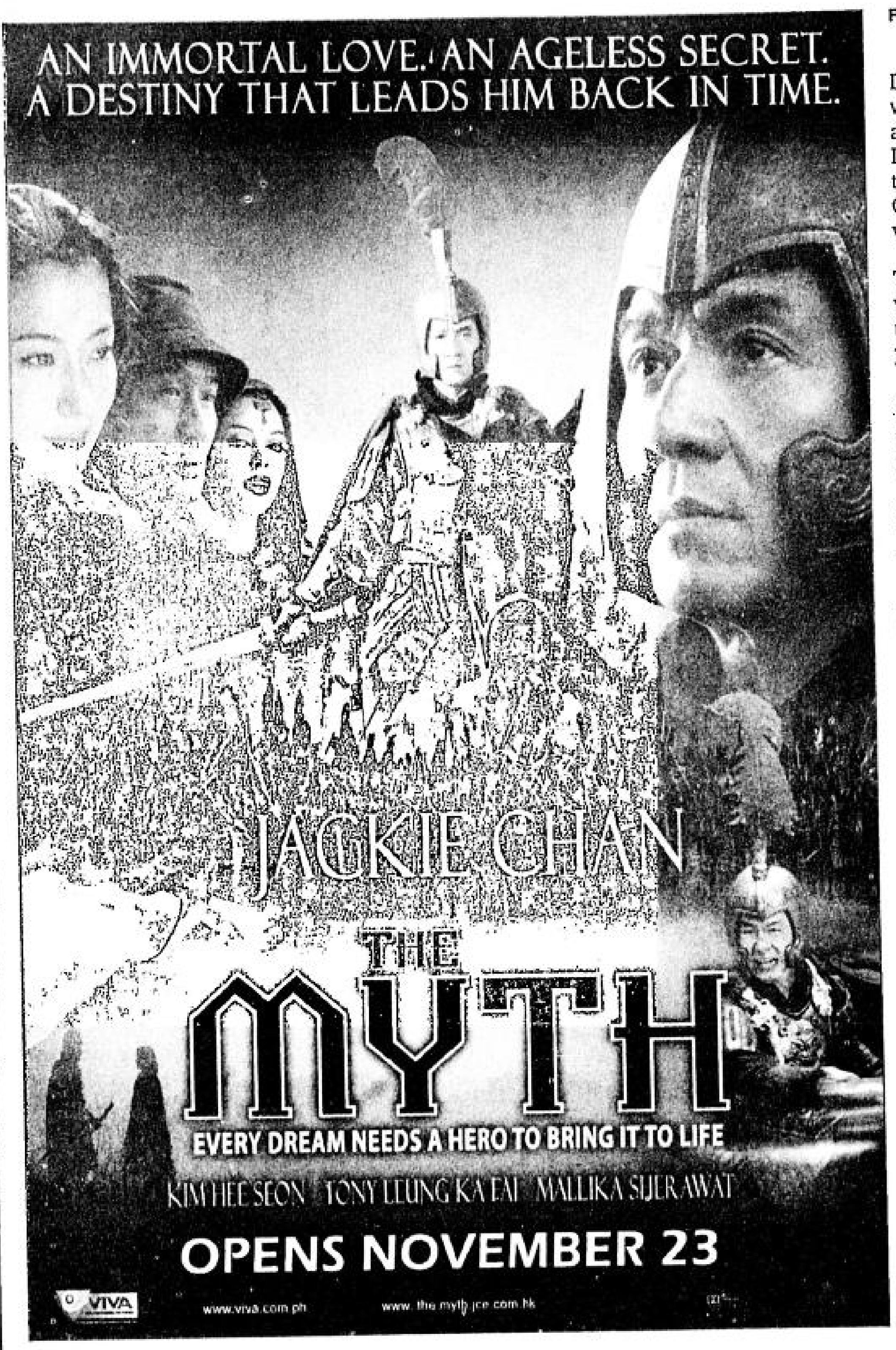

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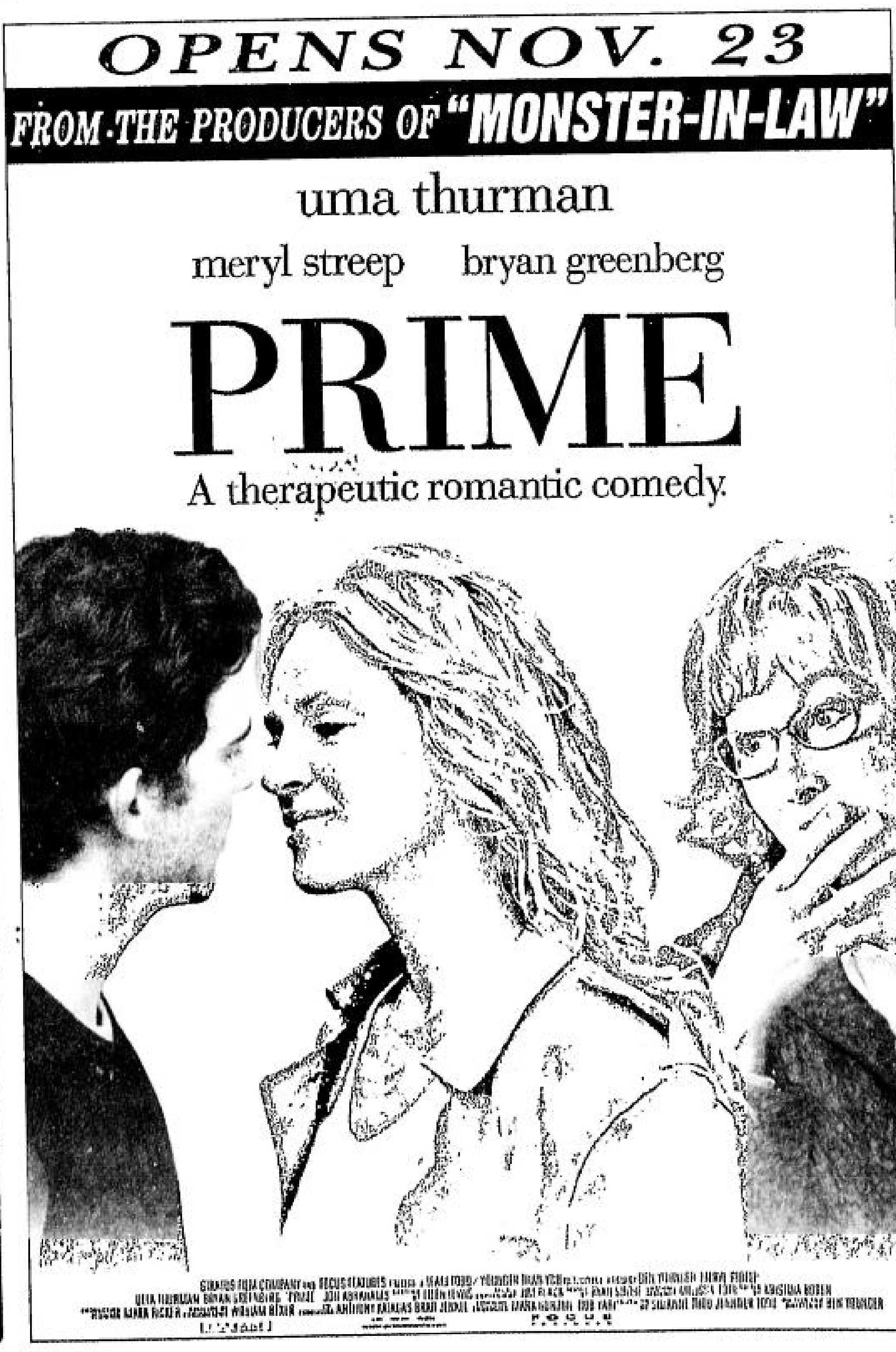

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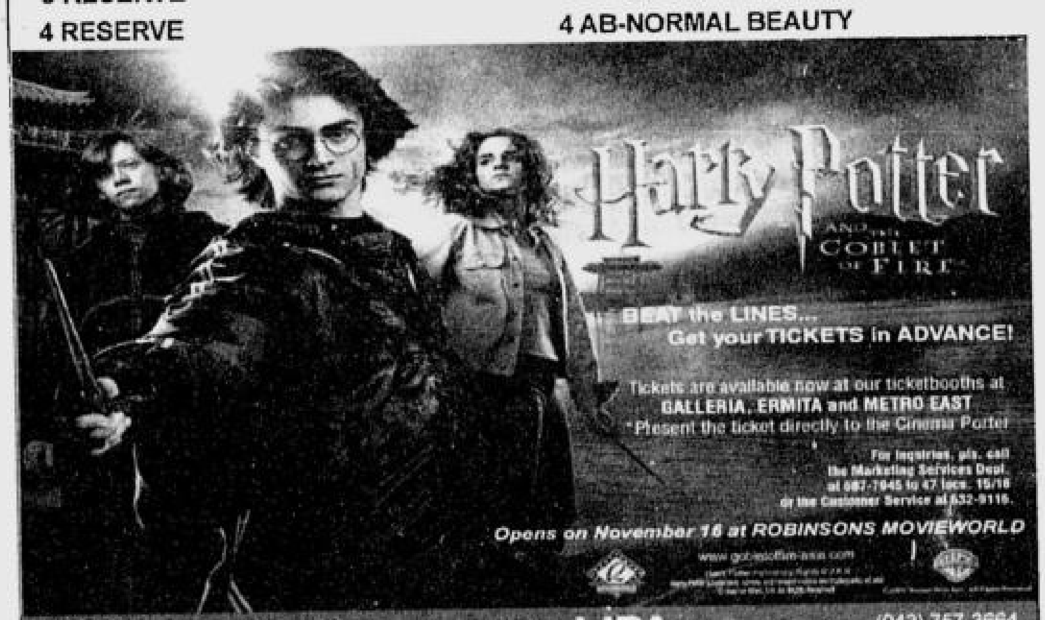

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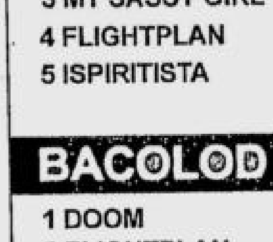

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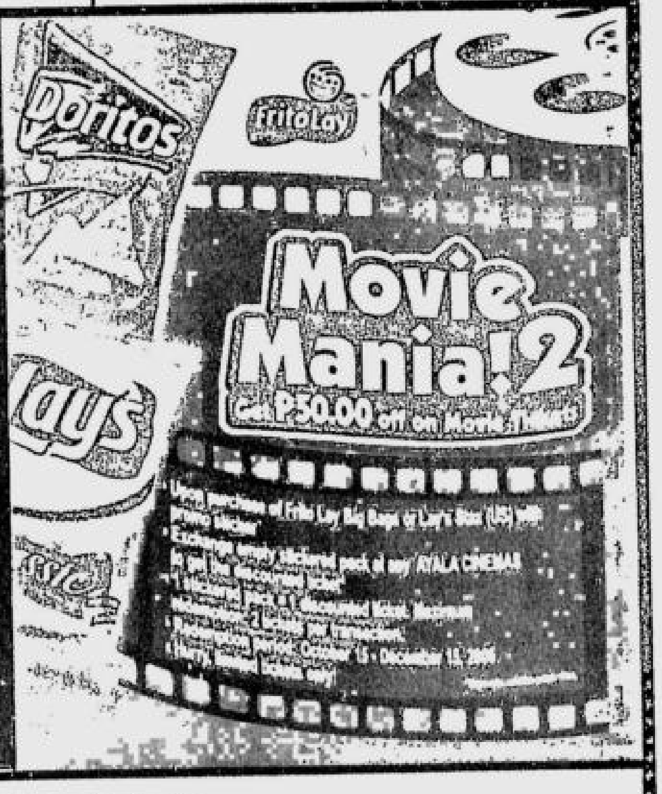

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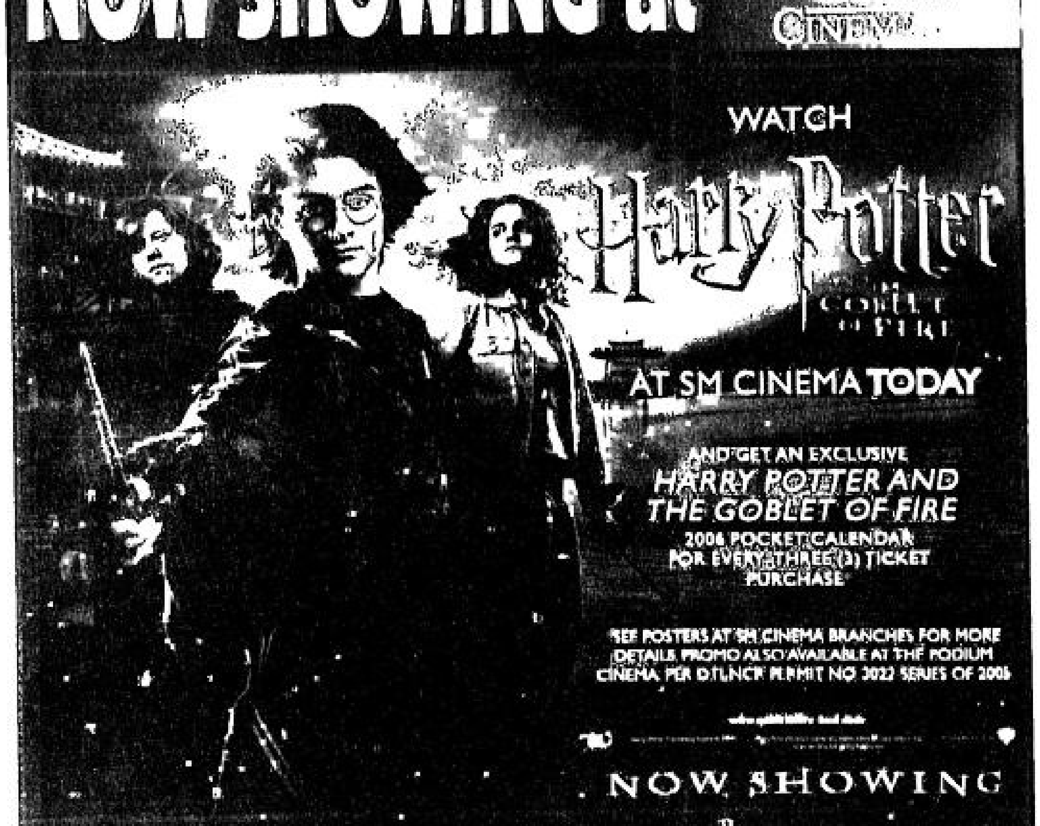

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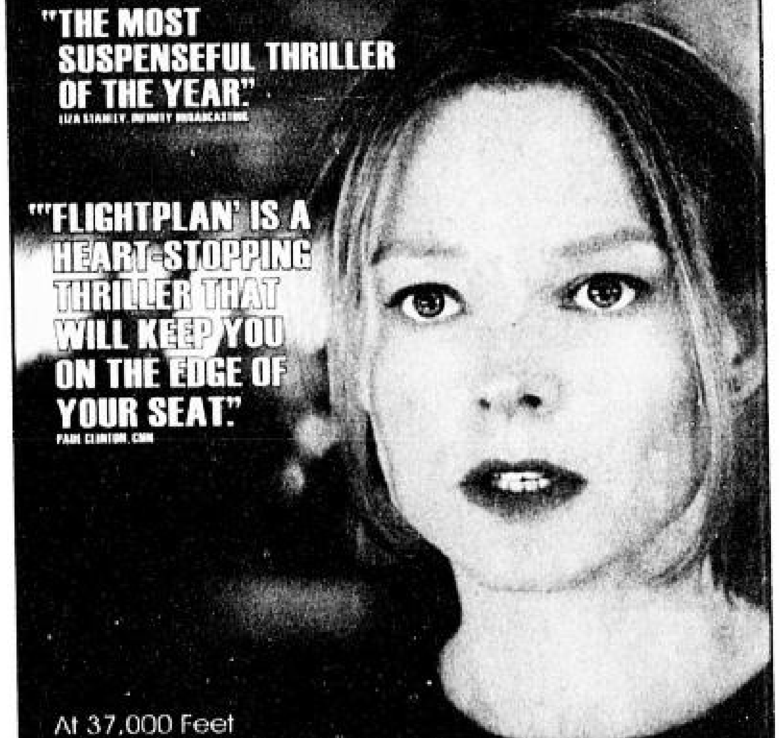

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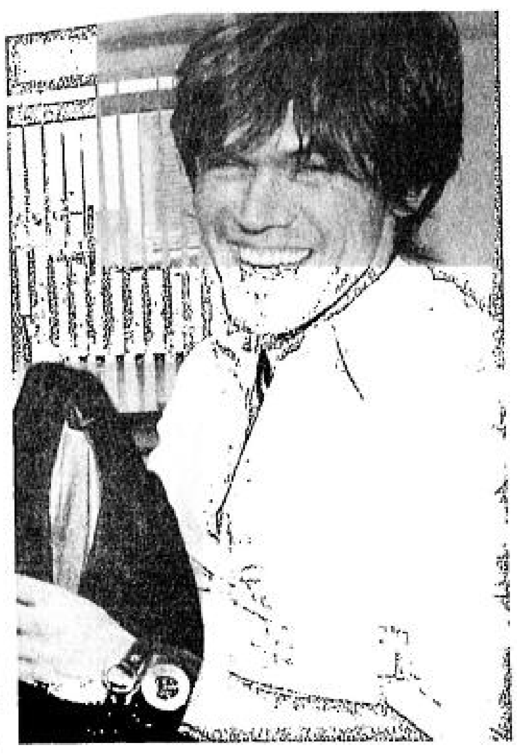

VERY MUCH at home, at the PDI conference room ERIK ARAZAS

'It's pay-up time!'

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say, "Thank you very much." That's why I'm here, to say thank you.

You said you were going to kiss every one of your Pinoy supporters.

(Laughs.) Here I go. Bring it on, baby. Stay in line. I'm here to pay up!

What's next?

I've got a recording deal in the United States with Universal Records. We are already in pre-production and things are going very, very well in LA. You know how I did "Baby I Love You Way" on the piano with the string quartet. This album is gonna be basically like that.

When were you last here?

January 2001—not too long ago. I went to Boracay.

Are you having the long-planned reunion?

This visit is too short. I gotta go back to LA.

Then back on Dec. 1 [to topbill the MTV Music Summit for HIV/AIDS]?

Yeah. Then back again on Jan. 29. Maybe then I will have more for a little bit of a reunion. [My wife] Simone will come here with me then.

When you sang "Baby I Love Your Way" on "Rock Star"...

I had no idea it would have the effect that it did. I thought, "I really messed this up ... they're gonna hate me for this." But everyone was like, "Aawwww..."

So you'll be based in the US now?

At the moment, I am working from there. Looks like I'm gonna be there for a while.

How Filipino are you?

Very Filipino. I was born here. My family is many generations Filipino. It's just that I grew up in Sydney.

Why are your eyes blue?

My grandmother's family originally came from Austria. Julio Iglesias' former wife, Isabel Preysler, is my dad's first cousin.

How did it feel not getting the "Rock Star" prize?

When they said, "MiG you are not right for our band INXS," I felt an overwhelming sense of relief.

How is that possible?

Had I been chosen, I'd still have been very honored. It was just a relief that the whole thing was over. I can just breathe now. And I made it to the end. I had hoped just to make it to the top 5. So I'm very proud of what I did there.

You do look a lot better than you did at the start of the show.

I always say "Rock Star" was the greatest thing that I will never do again because it was such a wonderful experience. But it was so stressful. I probably averaged four hours sleep a night for three months. Can you just imagine being in an audition for 24 hours a day, seven days a week? Everything you do, everything you say, everything you wear, you're being judged. I was a nervous wreck by the end.

Are there Filipino artists you'd like to work with?

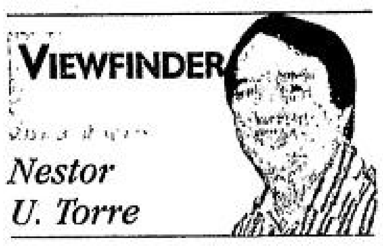
I would love to work with Gary V. I grew up listening to Gary V and Martin Nievera. And there is this band called "Bamboo" that I'm very interested in.

'Chicken Little' scores big

LOS ANGELES—"CHICKEN Little" remained No. 1 in the pecking order, taking in $32 million in its second weekend to beat back a flock of new movies.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at US and Canadian theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc., official boxoffice tracker: 1) "Chicken Little," $32M; 2) "Zathura: A Space Adventure," $14M; 3) "Derailed," $12.8M; 4) "Get Rich or Die Tryin'," $12.5M; 5) "Jarhead," $12.3M; 6) "Saw II," $9.4M; 7) "The Legend of Zorro," $6.6M; 8) "Prime," $4M; 9) "Dreamer: Inspired by a True Story," $3.8M; 10) "Pride & Prejudice," $2.8M. *AP*

The died persons, center of the topic and other boob-tube booboos



VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

HOST: WERE YOU AT THE scene of the shootout when it happened?

Guest: No, we arrived right after, in time to see the died persons all over the place!

(*Ay*, the died persons!)

* * *

Host: So, you did not see the exchange of fire between the police and the (criminals?)

Guest: No, but one of our group says he saw one of the coup disgrace.

(Coup disgrace?—Oh, coup de grâce!)

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Quizmaster: If red wine is made from grapes, what is white wine made from?

Contestant: Coconut!

(Wrong! The answer is still *grapes*.)

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Host: What's the secret of a long and happy marriage?

Guest: You have to agree first in the beginning, *dapat* it's a give in take relationship!

(*Ay*, give in take relationship!)

* * *

Host: So, you have to cooperate completely with each other?

Guest: Yes—after all, it's for your both future!

(Promise, *ha*?)

* * *

Host: What do you want to say to your daughter on her birthday today?

Guest: I want to thank her for working so hard for our family, for the education of her young brothers and sisters. *Kahit hindi ko sabihin sa kanya*, I want her to know that!

* * *

Host: What about the raid do you object to?

Guest: Before you raid, you have to get a church warrant. They did not have a church warrant, so they should not have raided.

(Church warrant?—Oh, search warrant!)

* * *

Host: Why, despite our current political and financial problems, is the value of the peso improving? It seems mysterious—

Guest: No, no mystery. The financial outflows were partly upset by OCW remittances!

(Upset?—Oh, offset!)

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Host: Should young children exercise heavily?

Guest: No, *bata pa sila, kaya*, muscle *nila*, under weak *pa rin*.

(*Ano daw?*)

* * *

Host: What can you say about your co-star in this production? Do you like working with him—and why?

Guest: Of course, I like it very much—because he's well-talented!

(*Sige na nga...*)

* * *

Host: What can you do about this complaint against your office that we've received from a caller?

Guest: Don't worry, *ipapaalam namin agad sa mga kina-ukulunan!*

(*Kina-ukulunan?* What's *that?*—Oh, *kinauukulan!*)

* * *

Host: what don't you like about being a celebrity?

Guest: Basically, your life is an open book—*palagi kang nagiging* center of the topic.

(*Ay*, center of the topic *daw siya, o.*)

* * *

Host: How's your father now?

Guest: Ok, but we keep telling him to relax. May history *kasi siya ng* heart!

(Can you imagine how he'd be if he didn't?)

Feedback

FROM **Aurora Tarog**: "I'm a big fan of yours and it's your column that I read first in your paper. Re your recent article on Aga (**Mulach**), I'm sure the talented actor is very, very grateful for the 'cautionary thoughts' you shared with regard to the roles he's been portraying of late in his movies.

"It's about time that he shift to more mature, demanding roles. The sooner he accepts the challenge, the better for his career, and the industry!"

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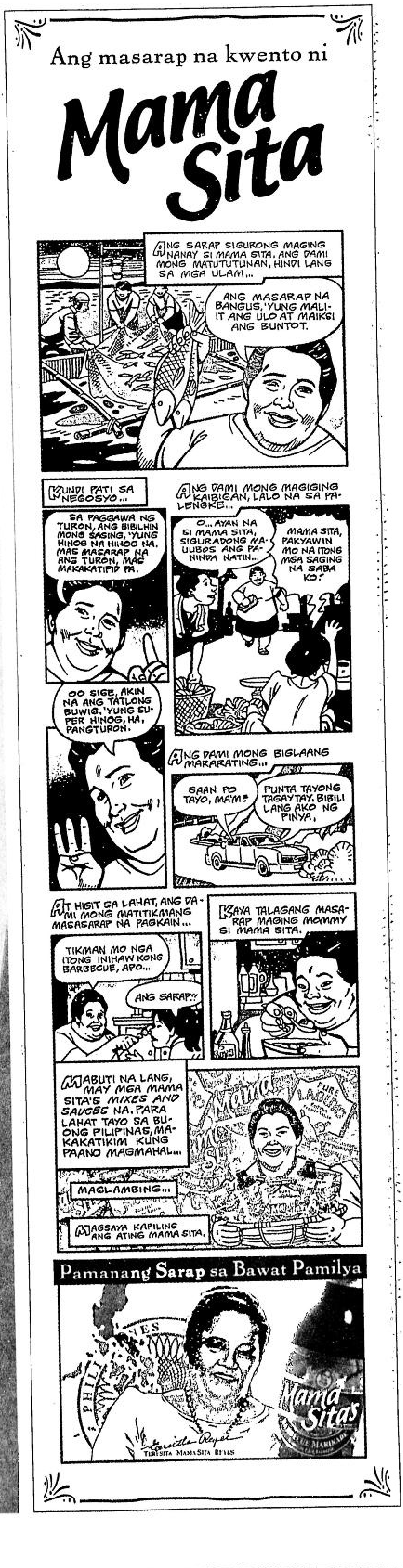

Ang masarap na kwento ni Mama Sita

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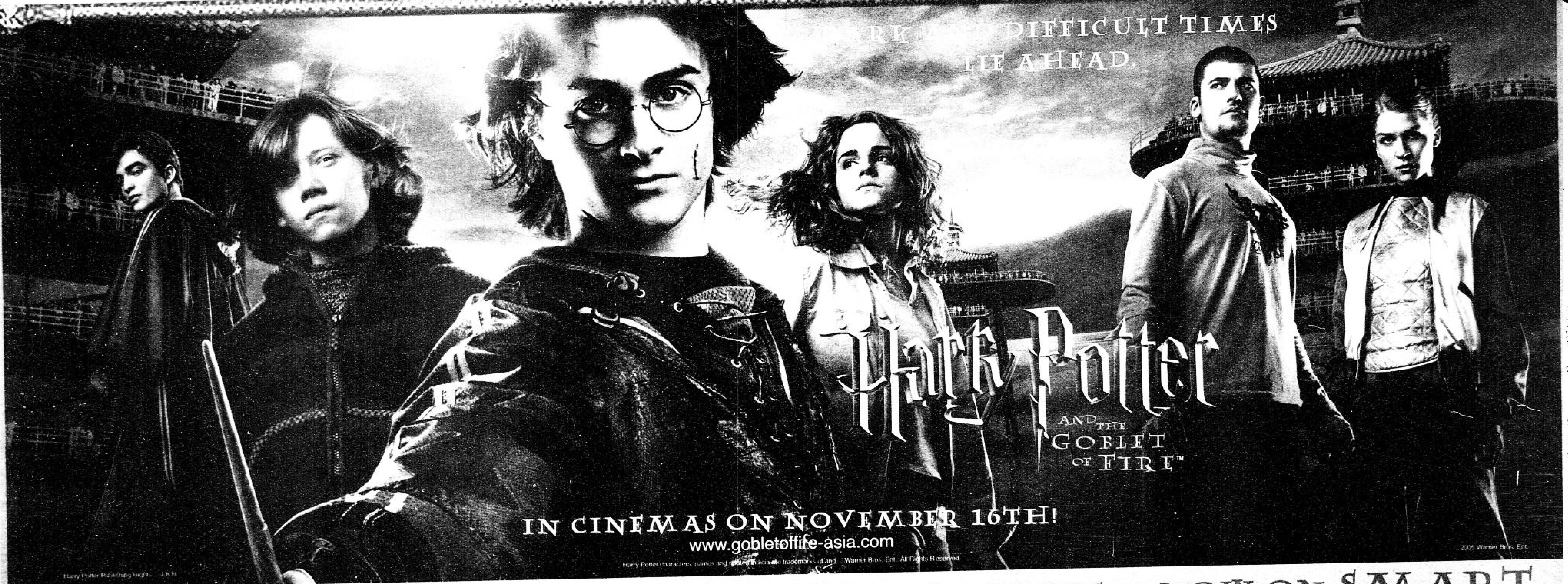
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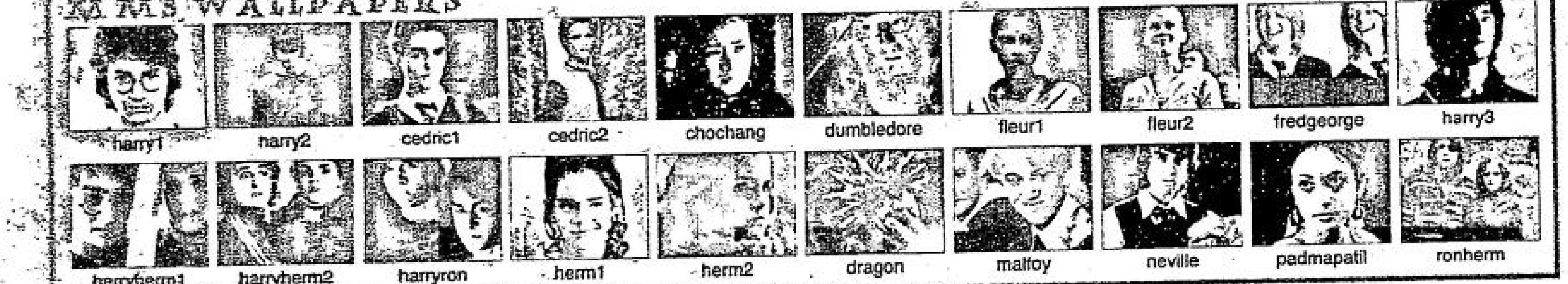
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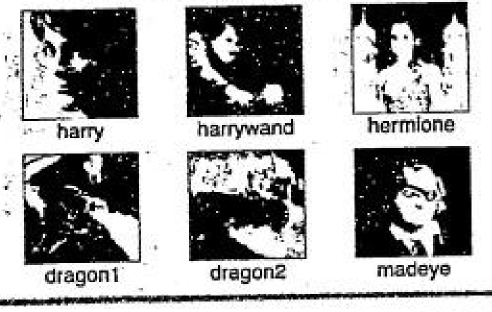
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OFW remittances surge 28% to $7.9B

As more Filipinos leave for higher paying jobs abroad

By Michelle V. Remo

THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS SAID REMITtances from overseas Filipino workers surged by 28 percent in the first nine months of the year to $7.9 billion, helping keep the country's dollar holdings at a healthy level.

For September alone, Filipinos working abroad sent $941 million to their relatives here, or 28 percent more than what they remitted a year ago.

BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. said the year-on-year growth as of September reflected a sustained increase in remittances, which the central bank said was expected as the Christmas season draws near. As of August, foreign-currency remittances stood at $7 billion, likewise reflecting a 28-percent growth compared with the first eight months of last year.

The increased inflow of OFW remittances is one of the factors that have been boosting the value of the peso against the dollar.

The central bank attributed the jump in OFW remittances to the increased number of Filipino workers deployed abroad and to the fact that many of the recently deployed workers took higher-paying jobs.

Unlike before when OFWs were usually composed of construction workers and domestic helpers, the BSP said recent deployments were

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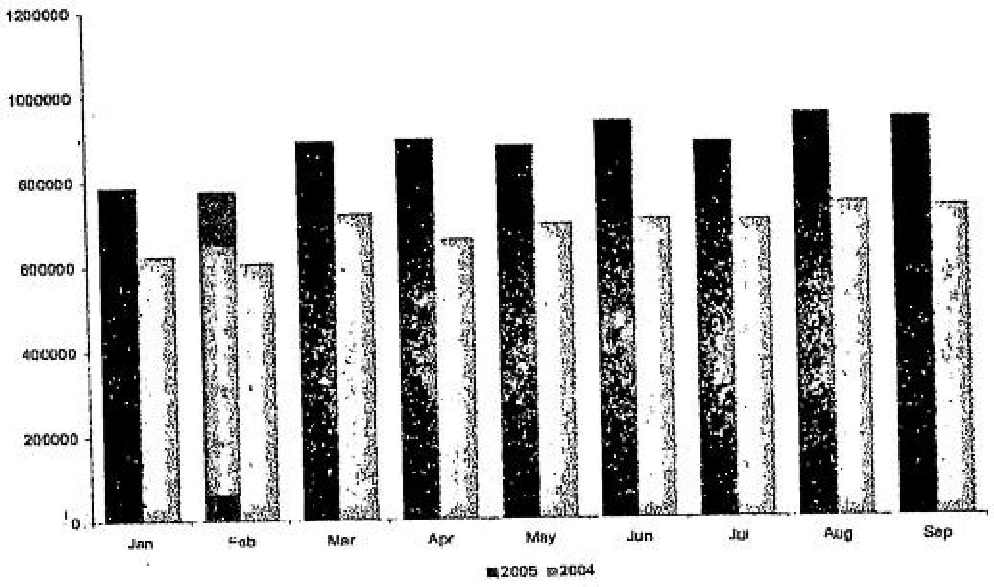
OFW REMITTANCES
January-August 2004-2005, in thousand US dollars



Credit Suisse sees ratings upgrade for RP

THE PHILIPPINES MAY FINALLY GET A CREDit-rating upgrade next year with the current momentum geared toward a sound recovery of the country's fiscal sector, according to investment bank Credit Suisse First Boston.

"We are much more bullish than consensus. We believe that a one-notch foreign currency sovereign rating upgrade may happen as early as (the second half of) 2006," Credit Suisse said in its latest research paper on emerging markets.

The international bank said a credit-rating upgrade would follow an improvement in the outlook by credit-rating agencies on the Philippines from "negative" to "stable," which may happen either in the latter part of the first quarter or early part of the second quarter next year.

Credit Suisse attributed its rosy projections for the Philippines on the developments on the fiscal front, such as the implementation of the much-delayed VAT Reform law.

Local authorities have said that the national government's budget deficit for 2005 was likely to fall much lower than the official ceiling of P180 billion. The implementation last Nov. 1 of the new VAT law, estimated to contribute P81.4 billion in additional revenues a year, is seen to largely help the country achieve a fiscal turnaround.

Credit Suisse estimated that the Philippines' consolidated public sector debt would decline steeply from a high of 101.3 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) in 2003 to only 67.1 percent in 2010.

The banks said this could happen if all provisions of the new VAT law—including the rate increase from 10 to 12 percent next year and the imposition of VAT on oil and power—would be implemented despite pressures to defer some of them.

Other assumptions factored in the projected improvement of the public sector's debt standing include a gross domestic product (GDP) growth of 5 percent in 2006 to 2010, an inflation rate of 8 percent in 2005 and 5.5 percent in 2007-2010, and an increase in the

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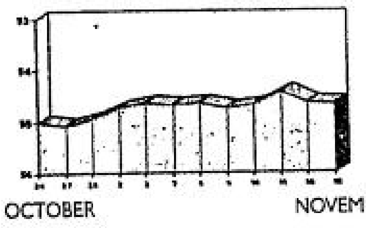

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Shares close lower

SHARE PRICES CLOSED 0.40-PERCENT lower yesterday on continued profit-taking after recent sustained gains, dealers said.

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Slower vehicle sales growth seen in '06

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE COUNTRY'S LEADING VEHIcle assembler sees a slowdown in sales growth next year due to upward pressures on prices and the expected impact of a higher value-added tax of 12 percent.

Daniel M. Isla, marketing manager of Toyota Motor Philippines Corp., said yesterday the firm might post a sales increase of as little as 5 percent in 2006.

TMPC yesterday launched the latest version of its Vios sedan, one of three vehicles that make up its Innovative Multipurpose Vehicle (IMV) line-up.

For 2005, TMPC projects sales to reach about 35,000 units of passenger cars and commercial vehicles, or a 30-percent increase from the 27,000 units the company sold in 2004.

Isla said factors affecting sales included the increase in VAT, rising fuel prices, and the continued importation of used vehicles that had been eating up into the local assemblers' market.

He said increasing production costs, of which electricity prices make a substantial part, were also affecting vehicle prices.

However, TMPC senior vice president Serafin M. Pantaleon said the company was hopeful that positive factors could counter upward pressures on prices.

"We hope to maintain the growth rate this year over to 2006," Pantaleon said.

Pantaleon said TMPC and other local assemblers were renewing their call for both the Philippine and Japanese governments to take steps in restraining the shipment of used Japanese vehicles to the country.

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MONDAY'S TRIPLE-MODEL PRESS LAUNCH by Mercedes-Benz was attended not only by the usual business and motoring scribblers, but lifestyle and social chroniclers as well, along with two of the latter's favorite beautiful women, fashion designer Lulu Tan Gan and Shopwise's Crickette Yu-Tantoco.

The full-court media press was apparently part of the increased marketing and visibility strategy of the new Mercedes-Benz distributor, CATS, to buff the Merc's image, whose local car sales had fallen from its decades-long top-tier status to No. 3 until CATS' appointment earlier this year.

CATS is pressing Germany—and its visiting firemen, Singapore-based Holger Lindner and Eric Khoo—for higher marketing and advertising support if the three-pointed star were to even be taken seriously by market leader BMW.

But even for official Germany, CATS faces some budgetary constraints. According to the grapevine, the current German ambassador has to content himself with using an E class, rather than a top-of-the-line S saloon, for official transport.

A plus factor for Merc here is that Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, as did her three immediate predecessors, still prefers the Benz for her daily ride, despite BMW having donated to Malacañang a bullet-proof 7-series limo.

To build up sales volume, CATS introduced the B series, the mini-MPV that Mercedes-Benz prefers to call a "compact sports tourer," whose entry-level model starts at P2.25 million, VAT inclusive.

And to finally give BMW X5 some serious challenge, CATS also introduced the new revamped ML 350 (P5.5 million), whose interior and safety features have further raised the bar in the luxury off-road category.

COCKTALES

Victor C. Agustin

Assuming that it can surmount pricing hurdles and lingering quality concerns, CATS and Mercedes-Benz still have to play catch up with BMW on consumer financing, as well as its now well-established secondary market.

To build up its leadership, BMW has also relied on its private banking-style of soft-selling its 7 series here, inviting for private viewing a target group one at a time, who are then plied with drinks and canapés by lissome ladies in the hope that they will finally open their fat wallets.

Still, the CATS principals have a superb network among the low-key, but cash-rich Chinoy businessmen.

As Greg Yu himself agrees, all they have to do is park an S500 one weekend at the Manila Golf, and if club kingpin Macario Te snaps up one, then that's already a pretty good sign.

Battle of mall sales

MALL rats and shopaholics will get their pre-Christmas wishes with Ayala Center and the Robinsons department stores simultaneously holding weekend sales starting Friday.

The SM Group, which had just finished its own three-day salvo, has chosen not to join this weekend's sales blitz, traditionally heralded by the gridlock-inducing "midnight madness" sale, where stores that usually close at 8 p.m. stay open until midnight.

Instead, SM will inaugurate its third Cavite branch in Molino.

Money-go-round

- THANKS to a weakened yen and a strengthening peso, Toyota has managed to offset historic high steel prices. The Japanese carmaker's price for its top-selling compact Corolla Vios 2006 model is up by only P5,000, to P543,000, from the previous entry-level, 1.3-liter model. The top-end 1.5 liter, automatic, is now pegged at P708,000, higher by 20 grand.
- EXPORT and Industry Bank has been fined P225,000 by the Securities and Exchange Commission for incomplete filings of the bank's first- and second-quarter reports.

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WELCOME MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

I welcome all the officers, members, participants and guest of the Association of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeons of Asia (ATCSA) on the occasion of your 17th Biennial Congress.

It pleases me to know that this is the second time for the Philippines to host this Congress. This is an opportune time for foreign and local surgeons to gather, interact and share new approaches and modern technologies dealing with thoracic and cardiovascular surgery. I commend your scientific programs aimed at enhancing treatment of heart, lungs and other chest ailment and diseases.

With the participation of international medical specialist, I am confident that our Filipino surgeons will gain important insights from the varied experiences and backgrounds of their foreign guest and co-participants.

I wish you a successful congress, *Mabuhay kayong lahat!*

GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF ATCSA

On behalf of The Association of The Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeons of Asia (ATCSA), I would like to congratulate and join Dr. Avenilo Aventura, Sr., the Chairman of the Organizing Committee, to welcome you to Manila, Philippines, November 20-23, 2005 for the 17th Biennial Congress of the ATCSA.

I would like to express my gratitude to Dr. Avenilo Aventura, Sr. and his Organizing Committee for their great effort in putting together superb scientific and social programmes. The congress will provide the best opportunity for all of us to know each other and strengthen our old friendship for further international cooperation.

Lt. Gen. Naronk Rodwarna, MD, FACS, FICS, FRCST.
President, The Association of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeons of Asia

Welcome Message from
The Chairman of
The Organizing Committee
17th Biennial Congress of ATCSA
Manila, 2005

It is our pleasure to invite you to attend the 17th Biennial Congress of the Association of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeons of Asia (ATCSA) in Manila, November 20- 23, 2005. The latest developments in our specialty will be presented and discussed by renowned colleagues both from Asia and the rest of the world. This is a memorable and important event for us because the first ATCSA was also held in Manila, Philippines in 1972.

AVENILO P. AVENTURA, SR., M.D.

Welcome Message from
The Secretary of Health

Warm greetings to the officers and members of the Association of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeons of Asia (ATCSA) as they hold the 17th Biennial Congress of the Association of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeons of Asia.

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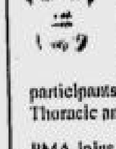

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The Philippine Medical Association (PMA) extends its warm welcome and greetings to all delegates and participants to the 17th Biennial Congress of the Association of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeons of Asia.

PMA joins you on your congress and wishes that it turns out to be as productive and as successful as can be.

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Sunday, November 20, 2005

ADVANCES IN ENDOSCOPIC VESSEL HARVEST –
Speakers: Terumo, Pau Kiew Kong, MD
Guidant, Gary Cowoski

ADVANCES IN CONGENITAL CARDIAC SURGERY
Neonatal Cardiac Surgery - peri, post operative management
Valve repair or replacement in children
Business meeting
Database of Aristotle - report of PCCS in Buenos Aires
First Asian Congress of Pediatric Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery (PCCS)

ADVANCES IN PERFUSION
Current Trends in Pediatric Perfusion - Speaker: Ms. Nonchaha Klangsuk, RN, MPhil.
Trends in Extracorporeal Circulation Technology In Europe - Speaker: Mr. Dick S. de Jong
Perfusion Practice and Technique (Malaysian Experience) - Speaker: Mr. Mok Check Min
Current Trends in TAAA Technology - Speaker: Mr. Dick S. de Jong
Electronic Perfusion Records – Mr. Ruel Pangan

ADVANCES IN BRONCHOSCOPY
Autoflourescent Bronchoscopy - Speaker: Hidetoshi Honda, MD

Tuesday, November 22, 2005

Cardiac Transplantation VS High Risk Cardiac Surgery - Speaker :John Wallwork, FRCS
Surgery for Locally Advanced NSCLC - Speaker: Ryosuke Tsuchiya, MD

AORTIC ANEURYSMS
Current Strategies in Thoracoabdominal Aortic Aneurysm Repair –
Speaker : Joseph Coselli, MD
Surgery for Aortic Arch Aneurysm - Speaker : Bruce Lytle, MD

VALVE SURGERY
The Aortic Valve Sparing Procedure - Speaker: Duke Edward Cameron, MD
Minimally Invasive Valve Surgery - Speaker : Delos Cosgrove, MD

CORONARY ARTERY SURGERY
Radial Artery for Myocardial Revascularization - Speaker: Brian Buxton, MD
OPCAB for severe LV Failure - Speaker : Ramakanta Panda, MD
Off-pump Mammary Patch Reconstruction of the Diffusely Diseased LAD–
Speaker: Murali Vettath, M.D.

HEART AND LUNG TRANSPLANTATION
Recent Advances in Lung Transplantation - Speaker: Stephen C. Yang, MD
Living-Related Lung Transplantation - Speaker : Hiromi Wada, MD
Recent Advances in Lung Transplantation - Speaker: Ernst Wolner, M.D.
Cardiac Transplantation - The Asian Perspective - Speaker : Shu Hsun Chu, MD

Beating Heart Myocardial Revascularization -Speaker : Antonio Maria Calafiore, MD
Bioprosthetic Valve Surgery - Speaker: Brian Buxton, M.D.

INTERESTING PROBLEMS IN CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY
Neonatal Cardiac Surgery, Anatomic, Physiologic and Techincal Considerations -
Speaker: Tom Karl, MD
Changing Concept in the management of Takayasu's Aortitis –
Speaker:Gurukumar B. Parulkar, MD
Non Coronary Open Heart Surgery on Beating Heart - Speaker: Amit Banerjee, MD
Evolving Surgical Treatment of Atrial Fibrilliation - Speaker. Huat Seong Saw, MD
Atrial Fibrillation - Speaker: Jeswant Dillon, M.D.

ADVANCES IN CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY
Advanced Techniques in VATS - Speaker : Anthony P.C. Yim, M.D.
Cellular Therapy in Cardiac Surgery - Speaker : Richard D. Weisel, MD
Technical Advances in OPCAB Surgery - Speaker : Valavanur A. Subramanian, MD
Myoblast Transplantation for Heart Failure - Speaker: Eugene Kwan-Wei Sim, M D

Monday, November 21, 2005

Re-do CABG - Speaker : Bruce W. Lytle, MD
Current Status of Lung Volume Reduction Surgery (LVRS) -Speaker :Stephen C. Yang, MD

ADVANCES IN SURGERY FOR THE FAILING HEART
Surgical Treatment of Dilated Cardiomyopathy - Speaker : Antonio Maria Calafiore, MD.
Technical Options of LV Remodelling - Speaker : Hermann Reichenspurner , MD, PhD

ESOPHAGEAL SURGERY
Surgical Treatment of Esophageal Carcinoma - Speaker : Stephen C. Yang, M.D.
Minimally Invasive Esophageal Surgery - Speaker : Tom DeMeester, MD

AORTIC SURGERY
Cerebral Protection During Aortic Arch Aneurysms Repair - Speaker : Teruhisa Kazui, MD
Surgery for Thoracic Aortic Dissections - Speaker : Joseph Coselli, MD
Endoluminal Therapy for Aortic Aneurysms and Aortic dissections –
Speaker: Michael L. Marin, M.D.
Redo Thoracic Aortic Surgery - Speaker: Thierry P. Carrel, MD

TRACHEOBRONCHIAL SURGERY
Interventional Broncoscopy for tracheobronchial tumors - Speaker: Hidetoshi Honda, MD
Pediatric Tracheal Surgery - Speaker : Martin Eliott, FRCS
Sleeve Resection for Lung Cancer - Speaker: Jean Deslauriers, MD

60 YEARS OF CARDIOVASCULAR SURGERY - *Keynote Address by: DR. DENTON COOLEY*

VALVE SURGERY
CABG for Severe Ischemic Mitral Regurgitation - Speaker: Kit Arom, MD
Complex Mitral Valve Repair - Speaker: Nguyen Van Phan, MD
Re-do Valve Surgery - Speaker: Duke Edward Cameron, MD
Pulmonary Outflow Tract Reconstructive Procedure - Speaker: Serafin Y. De Leon, MD

SPECIAL LECTURE:
Reinvention of the Cardiac Surgeon: Lessons Learned from Vascular Surgery –
Speaker: Michael L. Marin, M.D

SURGERY FOR PULMONARY HYPERTENSION
Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy for Chronic Pulmonary Hypertension –
Speaker : Stuart W Jamieson, MD
Transplantation as an option for Pulmonary Hypertension - Speaker : John Wallwork, FRCS
Medical Options for Pulmonary Hypertension - Speaker: Ruth Divinagracia, MD

Wednesday, November 23, 2005

Total Arterial Coronary Revascularization - Speaker : Ramakanta Panda, MD
Adjuvant Therapy for IB and II NSCLC - Speaker : Stephen C. Yang, MD

LUNG CANCER
Respiratory Complication after Pneunomectomy Incidence, Diagnosis and Management -
Speaker: Jean Deslauriers, MD
Surgery for Stage III NSCLC (T4 and N2) - Speaker: Ryosuke Tsuchiya , MD

CONGENITAL HEART SURGERY
Surgery for Difficult Congenital Heart Disease - Speaker : Shunji Sano, MD
Univentricular Procedures - Speaker : Roger B. B.Mee, MD

VALVE SURGERY
Bioprosthetic Valve in the Asian Population- Speaker: Kaushal Pandey, MD
Ross Modification (Semilunar Valve Switch) - Speaker: Serafin DeLeon, M.D.
Aortic Root Surgery in Marfan's Syndrome - Speaker : Duke Edward Cameron, M.D
Surgical Treatment for Failed Mitral Valve Repair - Speaker: Nguyen Van Phan, M.D.

EVOLVING TECHNOLOGIES
Extracorporeal Life Support in Cardiothoracic Surgery - Speaker: Dongfang Wang, M.D.
Robotics in Cardiothoracic Surgery - Speaker :Hermann Reichenspurner, MD, PhD
Developments in the Artificial Lung - Speaker : Dongfang Wang, MD
Total Artifical Hearts & LVAD - Speaker : Ernst Wolner, MD

Association of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeons *of Asia*: Three Decades –
Speaker: Romeo D. Zamora, M.D.
Awake Off-Pump CABG - Speaker: Go Watanabe, MD

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Property firms' profits up

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

MAJOR PROPERTY DEVELOPERS MEGAworld Corp., Filinvest Land Inc. and Robinsons Land Inc. posted robust profit growths in the first nine months of 2005.

Megaworld said its nine-month net income surged 31 percent to P740.49 million from P564.11 million a year ago as consolidated revenues jumped 24 percent to P3.86 billion from P3.11 billion.

It said sales of residential units grew 34 percent to P2.68 billion. This accounted for 70 percent of total revenue from January to September this year.

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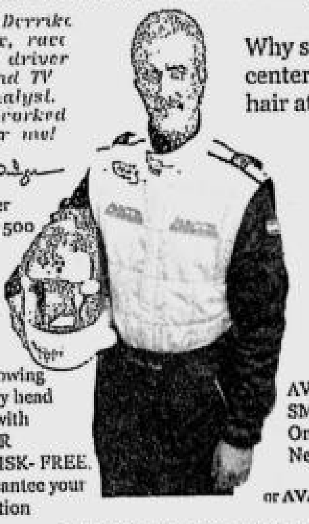

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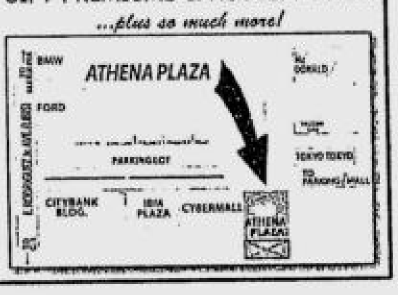

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Property firms' profits up

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One and Eastwood Parkview in Libis, Quezon City; Forbeswood Heights in Fort Bonifacio, and Paseo Parkview, Greenbelt Radissons and Greenbelt Parkplace in Makati City.

The remaining 30 percent of consolidated revenues or P1.17 billion were distributed among rental, interest and other income.

Its subsidiary Empire East Land Holdings Inc. also reported a 42-percent jump in net earnings to P80.3 million for the nine-month period from P56.4 million in 2004.

Filinvest Land Inc. (FLI) also reported that its net income grew 10 percent to P463 million from P420 million.

But during the third quarter, it said net income grew 37.4 percent to P191 million from P139 million a year ago.

It said its booked real estate sales rose 8 percent due mainly from affordable and middle-income projects launched in 2004 and early 2005.

Meanwhile, Gokongwei-led Robinsons Land said its net income for the nine-month period ending June 30 rose 22 percent to P952.9 million from last year's P781 million.

RLC's gross revenues grew 13 percent to P3.84 billion for the nine-month period from P3.4 billion. Its income from operations also rose 23 percent to P1.36 billion from P1.11 billion.

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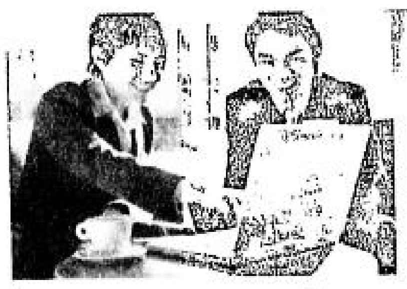

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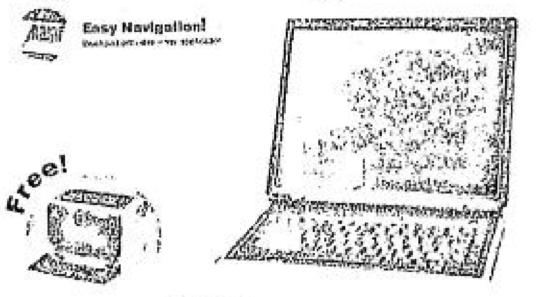

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Dr. Roberto earned his MBA and PhD in Marketing at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Business.

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11:00am - 12:30pm	Load Estimating, Energy Analysis & Chiller System Optimizer	Concepcion Carrier Air Conditioning Co
11:00am - 12:30pm	Variable Primary Flow (VPF) & Integrated Comfort System Application	TRANE Philippines
1:30pm - 3:30pm	Psychrometric	Engr. Joe Hilario
1:30pm - 3:30pm	Water Treatment Approaches in Condenser & Chilled Water System	Chem-perts Corp.
3:45pm - 5:45pm	Aeroflex the Energy Saver, Your Best Solution	Thermo Engineering Supply Corp.
3:45pm - 6:30pm	Fans & Blowers	Kruger M & E Industries Corp
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9:30am - 10:30am	Indoor Air Quality feat. TiO2 Technology	York Philippines
9:30am - 10:30am	Chilled Water System Balancing	Mechatronics Instruments & Controls Inc
10:45am - 12:30pm	Thermal Storage System	Engr. Cesar Lim
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1:30pm - 3:30pm	Pump Performance and Selection	Pump Equipment & Systems Ltd., Co
3:45pm - 5:45pm	Basic Refrigeration	Carrier Refrigeration
3:45pm - 6:30pm	Liquid Over Feed Refrigeration	Engr. Cesar Lim
November 19, 2005 (Saturday)		
9:30am - 10:30am	Energy Conservation Opportunities for Air Conditioning System	Engr. Joe Hilario
9:30am - 10:30am	Variable Refrigerant Flow	International Elevator & Equipment, Inc.
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Equitable-PCI Q1-Q3 profit jumps 47%

By Michelle V. Remo

EQUITABLE-PCI Bank, the country's third largest bank, yesterday reported a net income of P1.77 billion for the first nine months of the year, representing a 47-percent jump from its performance in the same period last year.

Bank president and CEO Rene J. Buenaventura said in a statement that credit cards, remittance, trust banking, cash management, treasury and bancassurance businesses contributed to the firm's profit growth.

Higher earning assets along with enhanced yields from the bank's portfolio mix reduced the drag of bad assets and led to a 20-percent increase in gross interest income to P14.4 billion.

The bank added that its loan portfolio rose during the period despite the recent bulk sale of nearly P15.8 billion in nonperforming assets.

Equitable-PCI's non-performing loan (NPL) ratio continued to decline to 4.66 percent from 8.98 percent in the same period last year, owing to enhanced credit processes, aggressive collection efforts and the closing of the second NPA sale worth P5.3 billion in the third quarter of the year.

Still, the bank continued to set aside loan-loss provisions amounting to P1.1 billion for the nine-month period ending September.

The bank said its total assets increased by 8 percent year-on-year to P327.1 billion.

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MasterCard continues momentum in driving EMV Chip card usage

The Philippine credit card industry is swiftly joining the ranks of EMV-compliant countries, as MasterCard International ushers in the future of payments technology by pioneering and supporting local banks in their migration to chip-based cards.

The country's first and only EMV-compliant, chip-based card, the BPI Express Credit GOLD MasterCard card, was launched in May 2005. This development in the local industry's EMV migration efforts was followed by the roll-out in September of EMV-enabled card terminals from Equitable CardNetwork. The twin developments of card issuance and merchant acceptance complement each other and represent the two sides of the EMV equation. Since then, BPI has started migrating all its MasterCard card programs to chip-based cards.

MasterCard International commends BPI for the country's first EMV-compliant chip-based credit card. BPI President ***Aurelio Montinola III*** *(right) accepted the award from* ***André Sekulic****, President, Asia Pacific, Middle East and Africa, MasterCard International*

The milestone launch and roll-out has significantly boosted the Philippines' goal of complying with the regional liability shift, which comes into effect in January 2006. It also places the Philippines in the ranks of markets such as Malaysia, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Singapore and Brunei, who are among the early adopters in the Asia/Pacific region, of the EMV and chip standards.

Chip cards work much in the same way that traditional cards do. The difference lies in the fact that in addition to having a magnetic stripe on the back, the card features a microchip that can store much more information than a magnetic stripe. Chip cards also hold information in an encrypted form, significantly enhancing security by making information extraction less likely.

Aurelio Montinola III, president of BPI said, "In addition to the chip-based BPI Express Credit GOLD MasterCard, some of our other MasterCard card products are now embedded with EMV-compliant microchips, on track for our 2006 target. This reinforces our commitment to introduce innovative technology, provide unparalleled security, and move the local market into the future of card payments."

Eugenio Hernando, senior executive vice president, Equitable CardNetwork said; "EMV is a key platform for the global payments industry. This marks a significant milestone, as Equitable CardNetwork's roll-out of EMV-enabled chip card acceptance terminals makes it the first local bank with the ability to process chip card transactions."

"MasterCard has had tremendous success in promoting smart card uptake in Asia/Pacific and we are happy that the Philippines is now able to take full advantage of the value proposition offered by chip cards," said Jose Rene Villa-Real, vice president and senior country manager, Philippines, MasterCard International.

"Through our expertise, we have assisted our customers in developing, marketing and deploying smart card solutions, thereby creating opportunities for issuers, merchants and cardholders. MasterCard is committed in working closely with its customer financial institutions and vendors in the Philippines to drive chip implementation and deliver additional applications, choice and flexibility to support the fast growing needs of the market," added Villa-Real.

MasterCard's success has been the result of focused efforts to assist customer financial institutions in migrating their MasterCard card programs to the EMV chip platform. MasterCard's strategy is based on global interoperability, multi-application capabilities and product flexibility. The majority of these chip cards carry value-added applications such as electronic cash and loyalty, in addition to MasterCard's M/Chip™ credit and debit payment application for chip.

MasterCard assists its customer financial institutions in selecting the right mix of features in their chip programs to meet their specific business goals. Chip cards provide a platform for banks to develop highly differentiated products and value-added services for their cardholders.

As of end June 2005, MasterCard had more than 38 million MasterCard branded chip cards in Asia Pacific, registering more than 65% growth compared to a year ago. Of these more than 38 million chip cards, more than 95% are EMV-compliant chip cards.

MasterCard International recently recognized Equitable CardNetwork for being the first Philippine bank to roll-out EMV-compliant terminals for processing chip-based card transactions in local merchant stores. Present to receive the award were Equitable CardNetwork executives (1st, 3rd from left) ***Fol Rana Jr.****, first vice president, Marketing;* ***Nelia Carlos****, executive vice president and treasurer; (5th, 6th, 7th and 8th from left)* ***Josephine Chan****, vice president, Systems;* ***Edmund Chan****, assistant vice president;* ***Marili Tioseco****, first vice president, Merchant Acquiring; and* ***Harry Gue****, first vice president, Operations with MasterCard International executives (2nd, 4th from left, and extreme right)* ***Jose Rene Villa-Real****, vice president and senior country manager;* ***Anton Corro****, director, Operations and Member Relations; and* ***Judith Dayrit****, vice president, Marketing and Member Relations*

Gokongwei units to sell more shares

JG Summit drops off investors' radar

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE GOKONGWEI GROUP WILL SELL MORE of its manufacturing and real estate units' existing shares to investors next year, but retain the public float level of its flagship JG Summit Holdings Inc., its top official said.

"People don't like conglomerates so we will just increase the float of our more independent companies like URC and RLC," said JG Summit president Lance Gokongwei, referring to Universal Robina Corp. and Robinsons Land Corp.

URC and RLC will increase their public float in early 2006 to a range of 30 to 40 percent from their current levels of below 10 percent, Gokongwei said.

A higher public float increases the trading liquidity of stocks and could boost trading volume, making the issue more attractive. Stock market players, particularly institutional investors are complaining that some listed firms have limited trading liquidity.

The Philippine Stock Exchange had reconstituted the stock index by removing companies whose free floats were less than 10 percent of total issued and outstanding shares.

JG Summit will be a casualty of the new rule to be implemented by April 2006. Its subsidiaries, however, can take its place in the new composite index.

Gokongwei said that JG Summit will also sell some of its stakes in its manufacturing and real estate arms next year to raise funds for its continuing expansion.

JG Summit and other Gokongwei firms own 87 percent of URC and 90 percent of RLC.

The PSE said that listed firms with market capitalization not exceeding P400 million should have at least 33 percent of outstanding shares available to the investing public. Those with market capitalization from P400 million to P1 billion should have a 25-percent free float.

URC will increase its authorized capital to P3 billion from P2 billion. The company will put up a new plant for its popular C2 bottled iced tea product. RLC, for its part, had tapped Macquarie Securities (Asia) Pte. Ltd as its financial adviser in boosting the trading liquidity of the company.

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CITIGROUP HELPS. Project BLUE (Buildings for Literacy, Understanding and Education), an education development program of Citigroup Private Bank being implemented in partnership with the Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP), recently donated a three-classroom schoolhouse to the Maysilo Elementary School in Malabon. This was the third such schoolhouse built under the program. Citigroup said it donated the school buildings as a Christmas gift for and on behalf of its valued clients.

Digitel widens 9-month loss

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

DIGITAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS PHILS. Inc. (Digitel) widened its losses in the January to September period to P1.8 billion from P1.08 billion in the same period last year, despite a rise in revenues.

In its financial report, Digitel said revenues rose 18.6 percent to P6.31 billion from last year's P5.32 billion.

Consolidated costs and expenses swelled 16.6 percent to P6.34 billion from P5.44 billion last year due to higher marketing spending, selling costs, as well as network-related, administrative and depreciation expenses.

As a result, Digitel incurred a consolidated operating loss of P30.3 million for the past nine months, lower than the operating loss of P117.2 million during the same period last year.

Financing charges or net consolidated other charges amounted to P1.74 billion for the nine-month period, a 68.6-percent increase from P1.03 billion last year due to interest on bonds issued by Digitel's foreign subsidiary.

Even with Digitel's weakness, its mother firm JG Summit Holdings' net profits grew to P706.6 million for the third quarter from P460.4 million. This brought nine-month net earnings to P2.44 billion, up by 26 percent against last year's P1.94 billion for the same period.

This included non-recurring income of P243.9 million in 2005, without which net income would only increase by 9.8 percent during the period.

RP, Thailand sign pact for customs bureau links

By Jolene R. Bulambot
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—THE PHILIPPINES HAS entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Thai government to test a system that will allow the exchange of trade information between the two customs territories within the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean).

Customs Commissioner Alexander Arevalo told a news conference yesterday that the MOU commits the two governments to take initiatives to facilitate the exchange of data between both countries.

The MOU was signed during the 14th meeting of the Asean Director-General and Commissioners of Customs in which the Philippines is a member.

Arevalo said one basic objective of the meeting was to attain Asean integration by the 2012 as a single customs entity that could compete with other trade powerhouses such as the European Union, United States and Japan.

"We will commence the pilot testing of a system that will connect two customs countries in Asean and if it succeeds, Indonesia will follow suit," the commissioner said.

Arevalo said the Asean members were hoping that they could achieve a system to consolidate all customs related documentation, processes and procedures into one single import-export processing declaration.

He said the members agreed in their meeting to start the use of the single import-export declaration by December through what they called an "Asean single window."

The system expedites customs clearance by integrating the submission of information, processing and decision-making into one procedure.

OFW remittances surge 28% to $7.9B

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made up mostly of seafarers, service staff, professional and technical workers, and production-related workers.

Citing data from the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, the BSP said deployed workers in September rose by 5.2 percent to 77,830. This included 58,281 land-based workers and 19,549 sea-based personnel.

"It is expected that the deployment of OFWs will be sustained due to the expected demand for health care services mainly among developed countries with an aging population and to sustained global economic growth of host countries," the BSP said in a statement.

The BSP said major sources of OFW remittances were the United States, Saudi Arabia, Italy, Japan, Hong Kong, the United Kingdom, the United Arab Emirates, and Singapore.

The BSP noted that the year-on-year growth in OFW remittances has remained above 20 percent since February.

Aside from the increased number of higher-paid OFWs, enhanced money-transfer services have likewise helped in the growth of OFW remittances that are coursed through legal channels like banks. The BSP does not catch figures of OFW remittances coursed through informal channels such as the personal courier services.

"The vigorous marketing campaign (enhanced money transfer services, more remittance centers, tie-ups with foreign financial institutions and collection agents) pursued by commercial banks has encouraged overseas workers to increasingly utilize banking channels in transferring funds to their beneficiaries," the BSP said.

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Minimum Bid Price : 224,000.00

STA. CRUZ
LOT 2 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 133 sqm. F.A.: 260 sqm.
Lot 1225-K, Road Lot 1225-A, Brgy Sto. Angel Norte
Minimum Bid Price : 701,000.00

SINILOAN
LOT 3 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 240 sqm. F.A.: 102 sqm.
#53 Don Felipe Subd., Brgy. Mendiola
Minimum Bid Price : 459,000.00

SAN PABLO
LOT 4 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 180 sqm. F.A.: 177 sqm.
Lot 5 Blk 2 Road Lot 1, # 260 Lake City Village, San Gregorio
Minimum Bid Price : 1,073,000.00

LOT 5 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 135 sqm.
Lot 18978 Bo. Sto Maria, Magdalena
Minimum Bid Price : 450,000.00

PILA
LOT 6 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 750.50 sqm. F.A.: 127 sqm.
Lots 1283-D & 1283-C Nia Service Road, Purok 5, Brgy. Sta Clara Sur
Minimum Bid Price : 273,000.00

LOT 7 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 158 sqm. F.A.: 108 sqm.
Lot 2, Blk 4 Road Lot Adelina Compound, Brgy. Sta. Clara Norte
Minimum Bid Price : 825,000.00

LOT 8 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 167 sqm. F.A.: 96 sqm.
Lot 3, Blk 4 Road Lot 3, Adelina Compound, Poblacion
Minimum Bid Price : 749,000.00

LOT 9 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 75 sqm. F.A.: 150 sqm.
Lot 2639-B-7-A Relova St., Relova Road, Poblacion
Minimum Bid Price : 706,000.00

LOT 10 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 80 sqm. F.A.: 30 sqm.
Lot 14 Blk. 4 Road Lot 2, Forest Park Ville Subd., Pinagbayanan
Minimum Bid Price : 101,000.00

LOT 11 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 120 sqm. F.A.: 55 sqm.
Lot 8 Blk. 7 Road Lot 7, Forest Park Ville Subd., Pinagbayanan
Minimum Bid Price : 303,000.00

LOT 12 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 80 sqm. F.A.: 50 sqm.
Lot 5 Blk. 10 Forest Park Ville, Pinagbayanan
Minimum Bid Price : 281,000.00

LOT 13 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 120 sqm. F.A.: 44 sqm.
Lot 3, Blk 7 Road Lot 6, Forest Park Ville, Brgy. Pinagbayanan
Minimum Bid Price : 228,000.00

LOT 14 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 140 sqm. F.A.: 80 sqm.
Lot 7, Blk 6 Road Lot 6, Forest Park Ville Subd., Brgy. Pinagbayanan
Minimum Bid Price : 322,000.00

LOT 15 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 160 sqm. F.A.: 60 sqm.
Lots 3 & 5, Blk 3, Road Lot 3, Forest Park Ville, Brgy. Pinagbayanan
Minimum Bid Price : 296,000.00

LOT 16 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 120 sqm. F.A.: 86 sqm.
Lot 16 Blk. 7 Road Lot 7, Forest Park Ville Subd., Pinagbayanan
Minimum Bid Price : 393,000.00

LOT 17 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 80 sqm. F.A.: 50 sqm.
Forest Park Ville, Pinagbayanan
Minimum Bid Price : 252,000.00

LOT 18 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 120 sqm. F.A.: 30 sqm.
Lot 11, Blk 2 Road Lot 2, Forest Park Ville Subd., Brgy. Pinagbayanan
Minimum Bid Price : 222,000.00

LOT 19 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 200 sqm.
Lot 39, Blk 5 Road Lot 4, Don Manuel Subdivision, Bulilan Norte
Minimum Bid Price : 475,000.00

LOT 20 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 209 sqm.
Lot 41, Blk 5 Road Lot 4, Don Manuel Subdivision, Bulilan Norte
Minimum Bid Price : 498,000.00

LOT 21 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 201 sqm.
Lot 40, Blk 5 Road Lot 4, Don Manuel Subdivision, Bulilan Norte
Minimum Bid Price : 478,000.00

LOT 22 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 225 sqm.
Lot 68 Blk2 Diversion Road St. Don Manuel Subd. Brgy. Bulilan
Minimum Bid Price : 1,060,000.00

LOT 23 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 218 sqm.
Lot 69 Blk2 Diversion Road St. Don Manuel Subd. Brgy. Bulilan
Minimum Bid Price : 1,036,000.00

MABITAC
LOT 24 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 200 sqm. F.A.: 323 sqm.
Lot 2 Provincial Road, Brgy. Sinagtala, Poblacion
Minimum Bid Price : 592,000.00

LOS BAÑOS
LOT 25 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 374 sqm. F.A.: 111 sqm.
L-B-1-B-2-C-1 Alley Brgy. Tuntungin
Minimum Bid Price : 848,000.00

LOT 26 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 432 sqm. F.A.: 113 sqm.
Lot 2972 & 3090 Road Lot, Sta Rita Subd., Brgy San Antonio
Minimum Bid Price : 1,112,000.00

LOT 27 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 150 sqm.
Lot 16 Blk 5 Makiling Heights Subd Phase 2 Brgy Lalakay
Minimum Bid Price : 570,000.00

FAMY
LOT 28 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 139 sqm. F.A.: 147 sqm.
Fernandez St., Brgy. Caballero
Minimum Bid Price : 380,000.00

CALAUAN
LOT 29 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,339 sqm. F.A.: 54 sqm.
Lot 1-B-188-B-2-F Barrio Road, # 228 Sitio Tubero, Brgy. Mabacan
Minimum Bid Price : 417,000.00

LOT 30 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 2,620 sqm.
Lot 122-B & Lot 121-I-2-1-4, Road Lot, Brgy Dayap
Minimum Bid Price : 961,000.00

CALAMBA
LOT 31 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 240 sqm. F.A.: 140 sqm.
Lot 418-X-13-A-1 Road Lot, Villa Soledad Subd., San Cristobal
Minimum Bid Price : 926,000.00

LOT 32 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 121 sqm. F.A.: 161 sqm.
Lot 1370-X-2-Q Pasic Avenue, Spring Homes Subd., Bo. Bucal
Minimum Bid Price : 1,258,000.00

CABUYAO
LOT 33 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 130 sqm. F.A.: 49 sqm.
Lot 3 Blk. 2 Subd Road Lot 2, Villa Estela Subd. Bo. Baclaran
Minimum Bid Price : 401,000.00

LOT 34 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 109 sqm. F.A.: 55 sqm.
Lot 2-B-2-H-8; Lot 2-B-2-H-10 Villa Estela Subd., Bo. Baclaran
Minimum Bid Price : 504,000.00

BIÑAN
LOT 35 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 150 sqm. F.A.: 190 sqm.
Lot 24 Blk 16 Lucena St., South City Homes, Bo. Calaboso
Minimum Bid Price : 1,682,000.00

BAY
LOT 36 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 2,472 sqm. F.A.: 50 sqm.
Lot 1762-D Row, Purok 2, Brgy. Tranca
Minimum Bid Price : 859,000.00

LOT 37 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,622 sqm.
Lot 1761 Prov'L. Road, Purok 2, Brgy. Tranca
Minimum Bid Price : 500,000.00

LOT 38 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 766 sqm.
Lot 1-C-3 Row, Purok 2, Brgy. Tranca
Minimum Bid Price : 261,000.00

LOT 39 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 766 sqm.
1-C-5 RowPurok 2M Brgy Tranca
Minimum Bid Price : 313,000.00

LOT 40 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 957 sqm. F.A.: 244 sqm.
Lot 725 Brgy. Road, Purok 5
Minimum Bid Price : 1,218,000.00

LOT 41 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 863 sqm. F.A.: 78 sqm.
Lot 1489-20, Road Lot 1489-20, Purok Iv, Sitio Sampalucan, Brgy. Masaya
Minimum Bid Price : 286,000.00

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TIAONG
LOT 42 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 262 sqm. F.A.: 30 sqm.
Lot 7 Blk. 3 Subdivision Road, Bo. Quipot
Minimum Bid Price : 237,000.00

LOT 43 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 10,000 sqm.
Lot 1-A-4-A Row(Right Of Way), Brgy. Lusacan
Minimum Bid Price : 1,050,000.00

SARIAYA
LOT 44 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 4,161 sqm.
Lot 2815-A-1-A Brgy Sampaloc
Minimum Bid Price : 219,000.00

SAN ANTONIO
LOT 45 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 4,658 sqm. F.A.: 61 sqm.
Lot B-3-E Hanna St., Poblacion
Minimum Bid Price : 1,669,000.00

REAL
LOT 46 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 720 sqm.
Lot 2-A-1; Rd. Lot 2-A-10, Pob. 1
Minimum Bid Price : 306,000.00

LUCENA
LOT 47 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 300 sqm.
L1 B7Jaime St. Corner Jenina St
Minimum Bid Price : 656,000.00

LOPEZ
LOT 48 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 288 sqm.
Lot 9694, Poblacion
Minimum Bid Price : 130,000.00

INFANTA
LOT 49 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,299 sqm.
5413 Ingalion Road, Brgy. Pulo
Minimum Bid Price : 63,000.00

LOT 50 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,608 sqm.
Lot 6552-B-4 Brgy. Banilan
Minimum Bid Price : 306,000.00

ATIMONAN
LOT 51 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,000 sqm.
Lot 5-H Maharlika Highway, Brgy. Angeles
Minimum Bid Price : 320,000.00

LOT 52 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,000 sqm.
Lot 5-G Maharlika Highway, Brgy. Angeles
Minimum Bid Price : 320,000.00

LOT 53 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 717 sqm.
Lot 5-F Maharlika Highway, Brgy. Angeles
Minimum Bid Price : 230,000.00

LOT 54 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,000 sqm.
Lot 5-C Maharlika Highway, Brgy. Angeles
Minimum Bid Price : 320,000.00

LOT 55 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,000 sqm.
Lot 5-D Maharlika Highway, Brgy. Angeles
Minimum Bid Price : 320,000.00

LOT 56 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 717 sqm.
Lot 5-E Maharlika Highway, Brgy. Angeles
Minimum Bid Price : 230,000.00

LOT 57 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 297 sqm.
Lot 5-I, Maharlika Hway, Brgy. Angeles
Minimum Bid Price : 96,000.00

MARINDUQUE

STA. CRUZ
LOT 58 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 980 sqm. F.A.: 104 sqm.
Lot 2072 Brgy Lusok Sta. Cruz
Minimum Bid Price : 373,000.00

MOGPOG
LOT 59 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 292 sqm. F.A.: 69 sqm.
Lot 9932 Brgy. Tarug
Minimum Bid Price : 322,000.00

LOT 60 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 153.15 sqm. F.A.: 169 sqm.
Lot 6630 Brgy. Magapua
Minimum Bid Price : 521,000.00

LOT 61 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 676 sqm. F.A.: 676 sqm.
Lot 4750 & 4761 Brgy. Capayang
Minimum Bid Price : 100,000.00

LOT 62 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 92 sqm. F.A.: 36 sqm.
Lot 2 Labayna St. Brgy. Balanacan
Minimum Bid Price : 105,000.00

LOT 63 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 457 sqm. F.A.: 230 sqm.
Lot 9291 & 9290 Dela Paz St Brgy. Balanacan
Minimum Bid Price : 413,000.00

LOT 64 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 533 sqm.
Lot 5 Laguio St. Brgy. Balanacan
Minimum Bid Price : 214,000.00

LOT 65 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 388 sqm.
Lot 1 Del Prado St. Brgy. Balanacan
Minimum Bid Price : 187,000.00

LOT 66 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 363 sqm.
Lot 3 Cor. Labayna St & Jasmin St., Brgy. Balanacan
Minimum Bid Price : 204,000.00

LOT 67 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 327 sqm.
Lot 9286 & 9287 Dela Paz St. Brgy. Balanacan
Minimum Bid Price : 285,000.00

LOT 68 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 111 sqm.
Lot 9325 Labayna St. Brgy. Balanacan
Minimum Bid Price : 54,000.00

LOT 69 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 124 sqm.
Lot 4 Laguio St. Brgy. Balanacan
Minimum Bid Price : 59,000.00

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Slower vehicle …

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Tokyo and Manila are in the process of finalizing an economic partnership agreement, which could lead to a free trade pact.

Earlier this month, the Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines (Campi) and the Truck Manufacturers Association reported that the anticipation of increased vehicle prices helped push up vehicles sales in October.

Campi president Elizabeth H. Lee said industry players were holding off significant price adjustments and that assemblers would be working hard to achieve their individual sales targets for the year.

Credit Suisse …

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ratio of government spending to GDP from 18.1 percent in 2005 to 19.2 percent starting 2006.

Credit Suisse said the only obstacles to a credit-rating upgrade were the complete and sustained implementation of the new VAT law, concerns about whether the Arroyo administration would finish its term, and potential spilling over of political instability to the country's fiscal and macroeconomic performance.

But "these concerns are likely to abate by (the third quarter of) 2006, in our view," the bank said. "On the political front, we believe clarity on a Charter change to move to a parliamentary form of government may emerge as early as (the third quarter of) 2006."

Fiscal authorities are hoping the implementation of the new VAT law would create positive pressure on the country's credit standing, which has suffered from rating downgrades early this year due to the country's fiscal trouble.

In January, ratings firm Standard & Poor's cut the Philippines' long-term foreign currency rating by a notch from BB to BB-minus and its long-term local currency rating from BBB-minus to BB-plus.

Moody's Investor Service likewise slashed the Philippines foreign currency long-term rating to "Ba2" from "Ba1" in January, citing similar concerns on the country's fiscal performance.

Michelle V. Remo

Tax exemption sought for low income earners

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE FEDERATION OF PHILIPPINE INDUSTRIES yesterday renewed its call for the government to exempt workers earning P110,000 a year or less from withholding tax, rather than increase the minimum wage.

Malacañang has been pushing for a new minimum wage measure to appease workers who now have to contend with spiraling oil prices and the expanded coverage of the value-added tax.

FPI president Jesus L. Arranza said the exemption would not only be favorable to the workers but would also mean savings to the government in terms of time and resources.

"(Through the withholding tax,) government is technically borrowing money from the people, which will mostly be refunded at the end of the year," Arranza said.

He added that exemption from the tax would "dramatically increase" the workers' monthly disposable income.

Arranza said the increase in workers' purchasing would perk up the local manufacturing industries and increase their capacity utilization and push down production costs leading to a reduction of prices of manufactured goods.

"There would be no loss to the government because most of (the workers' increased income) would return to the government in terms of VAT," he said.

Arranza said the FPI was against minimum wage legislation because this would not only be inflationary but would also create wage distortions and affect existing collective bargaining agreements between employers and workers.

Veer away from electronics, traders urged

By Michelle V. Remo

THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEvelopment Authority has renewed its call on traders to diversify the country's exports, saying that heavy dependence on electronics products will not help the export sector face down the threats of a continuing slowdown in demand and an appreciating peso.

"The country needs to veer away from over-dependence on the exports of electronics," said Augusto Santos, Neda director-general. "Exports depend on world demand."

Electronics accounts for about 65 percent of the country's export earnings.

Santos, who is also the country's economic planning secretary, said the government and the private sector should work on achieving a balanced mix of exports products, and should engage in more promotional activities.

He said diversification and improved promotion were crucial factors in making the export sector achieve the $50 billion in targeted earnings next year.

Santos made the statement following the release of a report from the National Statistics Office that export earnings fell 1.2 percent to only $3.598 billion in September.

The nine-month export figure as of end-September posted a measly 3.43-percent growth to $29.958 billion, thus prompting analysts to predict that the government's 8-percent growth target was already unlikely to be attained.

The slowdown in global demand for electronics was largely attributed to the high oil prices, which forced consumers to cut down spending on products outside their basic needs.

Economists noted that the expected appreciation of the peso next year, while good news to some sectors of the economy, would aggravate the problem of the export sector.

According to projections, the peso may appreciate to as much as 53 to a dollar next year.

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Shares close lower

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They said the market continued to consolidate but sentiment was positive as political tensions have eased and the government has pushed through its expanded value-added tax, a key measure to help remedy a chronic budget deficit.

The Philippine Stock Exchange composite index lost 8.31 points at 2,063.74 after trading between 2,059.86 and 2,076.52. Volume was 2 billion shares worth P472 million. The broader all-shares index retreated 4.41 points to 1,251.77.

Dealers said they expected the market to remain in consolidation mode in the next few days with most share prices still deemed overbought after the main index rallied to its best level in eight months last week.

"Investors are just taking a breather since the market is still overbought but overall sentiment remains bullish," said Astro del Castillo of First Grade Holdings.

The modest turnover showed that many investors remained confident the market still has further upside once the consolidation is over, he said.

2TradeAsia.com research head Grace Cerdenia said there was interest in small caps with positive earnings outlook as investors shifted some funds out of the more expensive blue chips.

Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. was the most actively traded stock, down P5 to P1,785 after hitting a record high last week.

Oil refiner Petron Corp. gained 10 centavos to P4.10, extending Monday's gains after third-quarter earnings rose sharply.

Globe Telecom fell P15 to P700, while affiliate Bank of the Philippine Islands lost 50 centavos to P57.50. *AFP*

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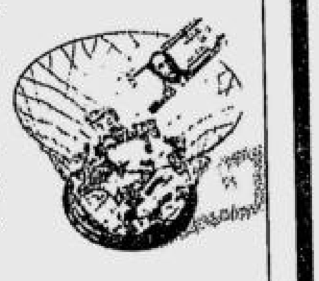

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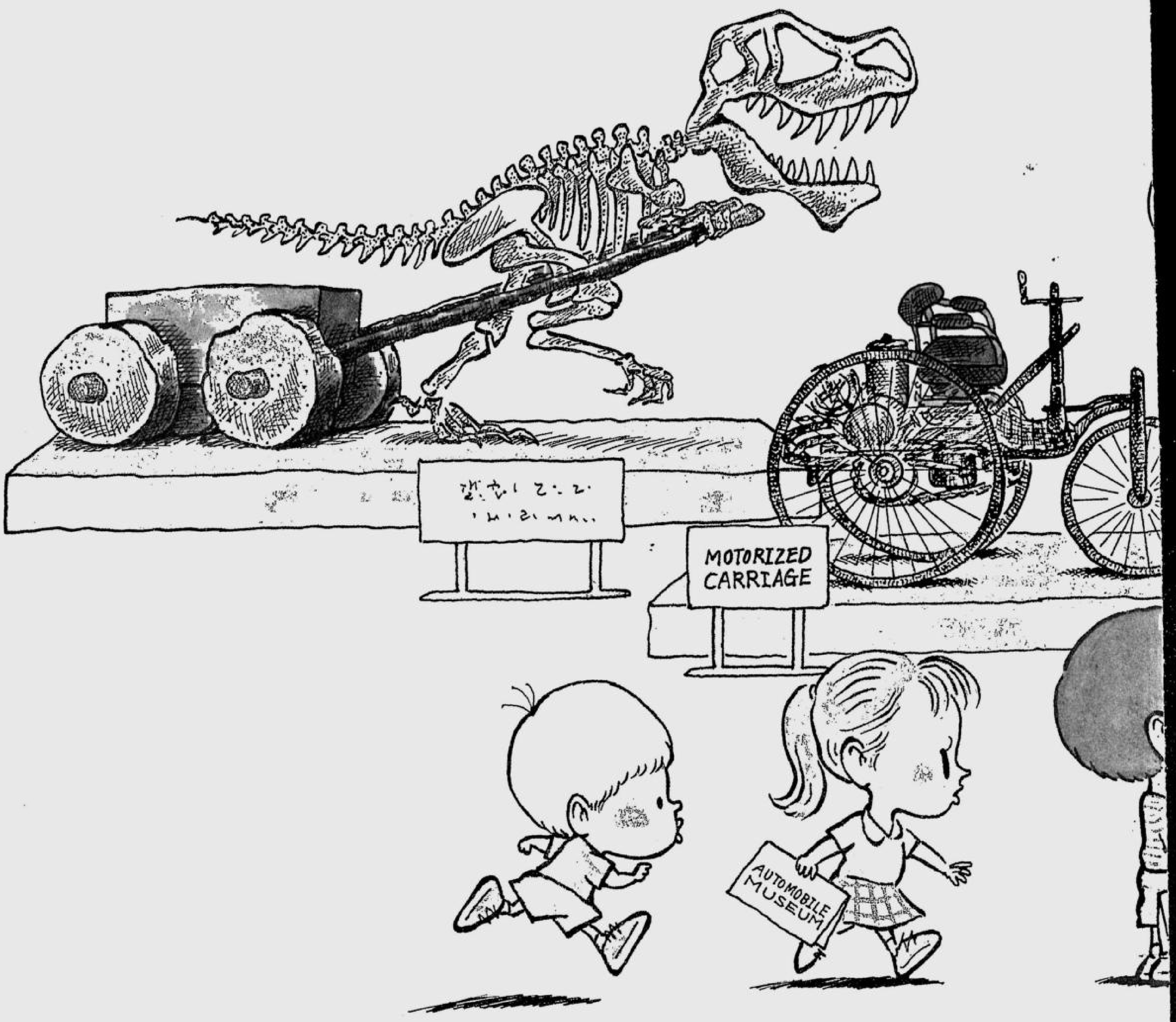

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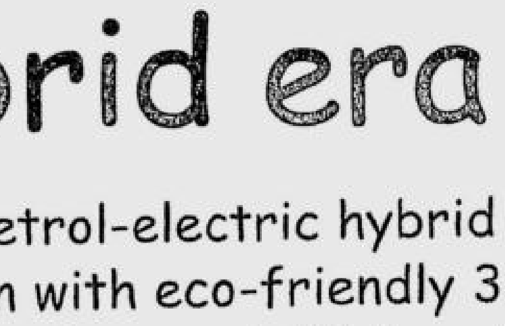

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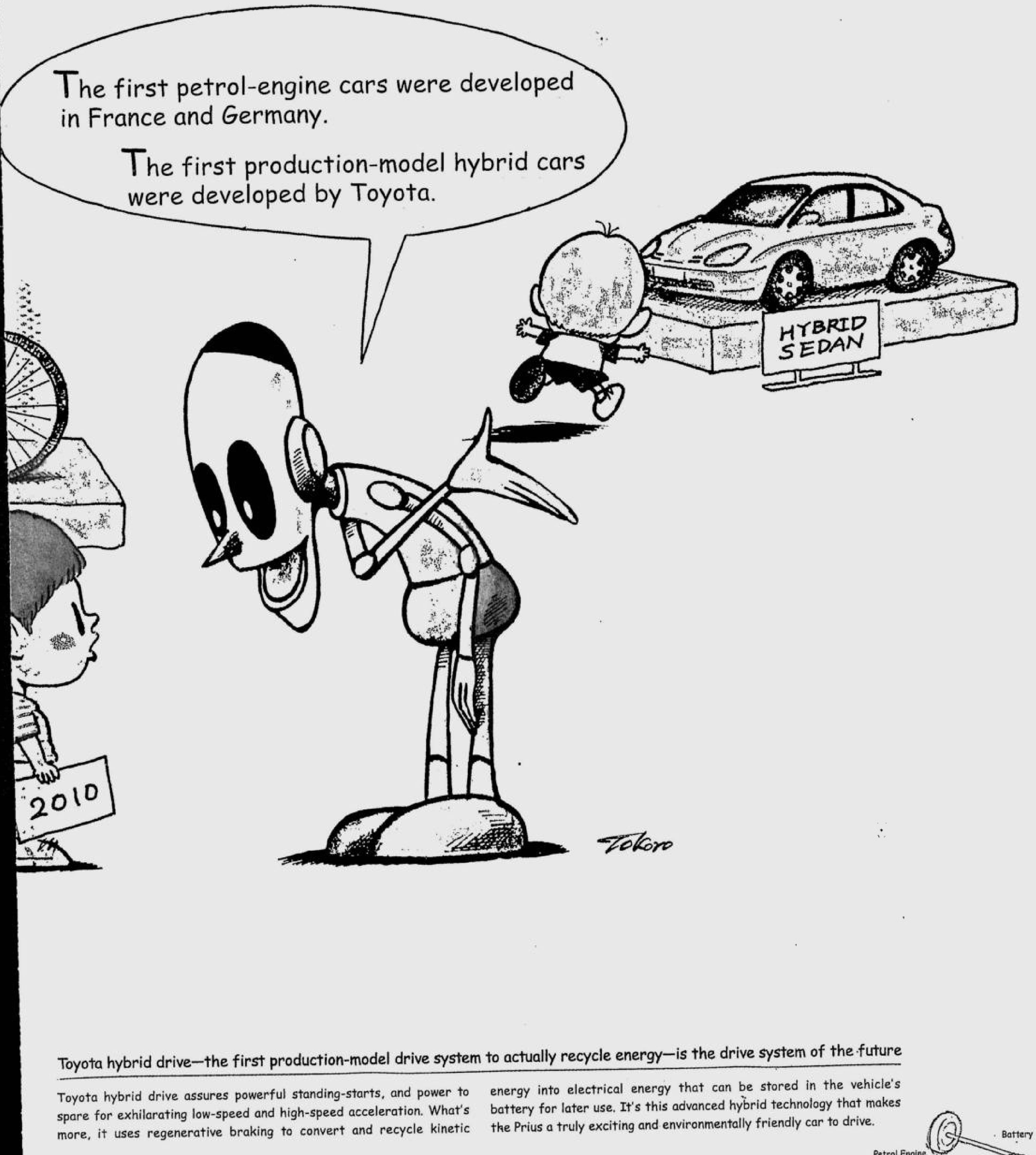
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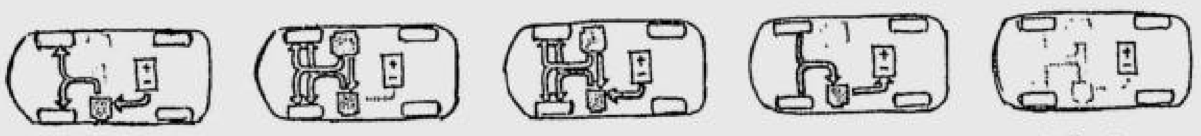

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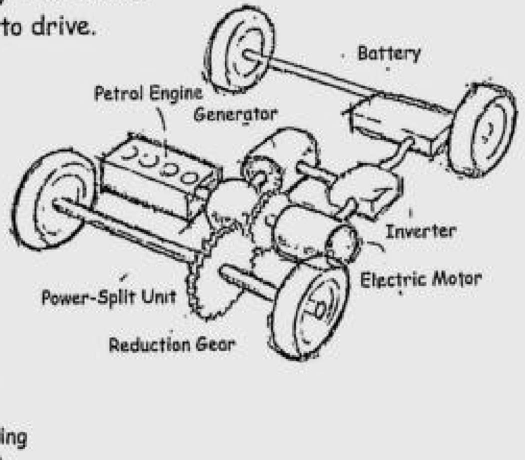
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3 foreign firms eye local mine site

By Christine A. Gaylican

THREE FOREIGN mining firms have signified interest in Manila Mining Corp.'s copper-gold project in Kalayaan, Surigao del Norte.

Ivanhoe Mines Ltd., Anglo-American Plc. and East Asia Minerals Corp. are in discussions with Manila Mining on a possible joint-venture arrangement to develop the mine site.

This was confirmed by Manila Mining, an affiliate of Lepanto Consolidated Mining Corp., in a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange yesterday.

"Canadian mining firm East Asia Minerals has already made a formal and competitive proposal," Manila Mining said.

Anglo-American exploration manager Patrick J. Waters said in another interview that the company was interested in the Manila Mining property to complement its adjacent project—the Boyungan prospect.

Waters said the company would only carry on with a mining project if the prospect could yield at least 100,000 metric tons a day. He said the Boyungan prospect can churn out only 500 MT a day.

The Boyongan prospect has an estimated reserves of 300 million metric tons and minerals output are expected for the next 10 years, data from the Chamber of Mines of the Philippines indicated.

Security Bank profit up 41%

SECURITY BANK Corp. (SBC) posted a net income of P897 million for the first nine months of 2005, 41-percent higher than the P634 million in earnings for the same period last year and surpassing by P140 million the P757-million net income registered for the whole of 2004.

Earnings per share for the period increased from P1.93 to P2.72 this year. The strong growth in income translated to an annualized return on average equity of 11.2 percent, exceeding the single-digit return of 8.2 percent for the same period last year.

The bank booked P227 million in net income for the quarter ended Sept. 30 as against the P158 million registered for the third quarter of 2004.

The earnings performance was driven by a 13-percent growth in net interest income to P2.85 billion as of the third quarter 2005 from the P2.52 billion for the comparative period last year.

Non-interest income likewise reflected a 21-percent improvement to P1.28 billion from P1.07 billion for the first three quarter of 2004. This was driven by an increase in income derived from service charges, fees, and commissions as well as by securities and foreign exchange trading gains.

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(As of November 15, 2005)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	33.5	33.5	33	33	206,200
Bank of the Phil. Islands	58	58	57	57.5	484,700
China Banking Corp.	625	625	625	625	50
Citystate Savings Bank	17.25	17.25	17.25	17.25	500
Export and Ind. Bank Inc.	0.63	0.63	0.62	0.62	4,500,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	52	52.5	52	52	81,700
International Exch. Bank	20.75	20.75	20.5	20.5	20,500
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	30	30.5	29	30	289,800
Philippine National Bank	30.5	30.5	30	30	69,000
Rizal Comm. Banking Corp.	14.25	14.25	14	14	1,400
Security Bank Corp.	32.5	33	32.5	33	18,000
Union Bank of the Phil.	30	30	30	30	8,100
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
Filipino Fund Inc.	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	72,000
First Metro Invest. Corp.	24.75	25	24.75	25	2,500
Manulife Financial Corp.	3015	3015	3015	3015	830
PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc.	1.04	1.06	1.04	1.06	154,000
Sun Life Financial Inc.	2020	2030	2020	2030	1,380
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	14.25	14.25	13.5	13.5	152,400
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	0.93	0.93	0.92	0.92	3,280,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	705	710	700	700	34,690
Ipeople Inc.	2.8	2.8	2.75	2.75	127,000
ISM Communications Corp.	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.049	400,000
Pilipino Tel. Corp.	3.25	3.35	3.25	3.3	2,728,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	1785	1785	1780	1785	24,390
Ivantage Corp.	0.58	0.58	0.57	0.57	440,000
Philweb Corp.	0.016	0.016	0.015	0.016	61,500,000
POWER, ENERGY & OTHER UTILITIES					
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Petron Corp.	4.15	4.2	4.05	4.1	8,180,000
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TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
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Holcim Philippines Inc.	3.75	3.8	3.65	3.7	1,185,000
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Ginebra San Miguel Inc.	28	28	27.5	27.5	22,300
Jollibee Foods Corp.	39	39	39	39	485,700
Pancake House Inc.	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.3	559,000
Rfm Corp.	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	530,000
San Miguel Corp. A	64.5	65	64	65	43,900
San Miguel Corp. B	89.5	89.5	89.5	89.5	4,500
Universal Robina Corp.	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5	500
Vitarich Corp.	0.31	0.31	0.3	0.3	780,000
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Alsons Cons. Res. Inc.	0.46	0.46	0.45	0.45	250,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	5.1	5.1	5	5	79,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.024	2,000,000
A. Soriano Corp.	2.2	2.2	2	2.2	595,000
APC Group Inc.	0.23	0.25	0.225	0.25	230,000
Anglo Phil Holdings Corp.	0.81	0.82	0.81	0.81	300,000
Baguio Gold Holdings Corp.	0.72	0.72	0.72	0.72	90,000
Bacnotan Cons Indus Inc.	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	20,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	1.1	1.14	1.08	1.12	13,873,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	1,100,000
Crown Equities Inc.	0.205	0.205	0.205	0.205	10,000
Southeast Asian Cement	0.27	0.28	0.26	0.27	5,420,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	3.65	3.65	3.5	3.5	881,000
Ever-Gotesco Resources	0.03	0.03	0.025	0.025	700,000
Fil-Estate Corp.	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	50,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	1.14	1.18	1.14	1.16	992,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	47.5	48.5	47.5	47.5	268,300
House Of Investments Inc.	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.82	610,000
Ionics Inc.	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	380,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	3.65	3.65	3.65	3.65	697,000
Megaworld Corp.	1.32	1.32	1.28	1.3	5,339,000
Multitech Inv. Corp.	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	100,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.36	0.36	0.35	0.35	2,730,000
Paxys Inc.	5.3	5.6	5.3	5.5	3,457,000
Philcomsat Holdings Corp.	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	60,000
Prime Orion Phils. Inc.	0.2	0.21	0.2	0.21	260,000
East Asia Power Res. Corp.	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	30,000
Roxas Holdings Inc.	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.26	279,000
SM Investments Corp.	248	248	247	248	48,680
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.135	0.135	0.13	0.13	2,600,000
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Euro-Med Lab. Phil. Inc.	3.15	3.15	3.15	3.15	4,000
Metro Alliance Hldgs B	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	280,000
Music Semiconductors Corp.	1.18	1.18	1.18	1.18	5,000
Pryce Corp.	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	100,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES					
Belle Corp.	0.96	0.99	0.96	0.97	1,970,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.76	70,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	1.46	1.48	1.46	1.46	656,000
Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc.	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	650,000
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ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (PDR)	14	14	13.5	13.5	487,600
PLDT (10% Pref) Series O	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	400
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PLDT (10% Pref.) Series U	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	100
PLDT (10% Pref) Series V	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	2,000
PLDT 10% Pref Series AA	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	5,600
OTHERS					
Centro Escolar University	9	9	9	9	36,000
Far Eastern University	620	620	620	620	300
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.4	1,109,000
Cityland Development Corp.	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.38	21,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.26	0.26	0.25	0.25	3,050,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.225	0.225	0.22	0.22	130,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.46	0.46	0.45	0.45	10,610,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	1.46	1.46	1.44	1.44	2,548,000
Kuok Phil. Properties	0.195	0.195	0.195	0.195	3,810,000
MRC Allied Ind. Inc.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	100,000
Philippine Estates Corp.	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	150,000
Robinsons Land Corp.	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	450,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	8.2	8.3	8.2	8.3	4,472,000
MINING					
Apex Mining Co. Inc. B	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98	30,000
Abra Mining & Industrial	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	21,000,000
Atlas Cons. Min & Dev't	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.7	401,000
Benguet Corp. A	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	35,000
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.225	0.225	0.215	0.215	6,640,000
Lepanto Cons Mng Co. B	0.245	0.245	0.235	0.24	24,880,00
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Manila Mining Corp. B	0.026	0.03	0.026	0.028	768,200,00
Omico Corp.	0.0055	0.0055	0.0055	0.0055	112,000,00
Philex Mining Corp. A	1.14	1.18	1.14	1.18	4,958,00
Philex Mining Corp. B	1.34	1.38	1.34	1.36	6,050,00
Semirara Mining Corp.	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.5	113,60
United Paragon Mining Co.	0.26	0.26	0.25	0.25	380,00
OIL					
Imperial Res.	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	2,000,00
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.007	0.007	0.007	0.007	6,000,00
Oriental Pet. & Min. B	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	10,000,00
Petroenergy Res. Corp.	3.95	3.95	3.85	3.85	100,00
Sinophil Corp.	0.135	0.14	0.135	0.14	3,050,0
Vulcan Ind'l	0.34	0.35	0.34	0.35	140,0

DISCLOSURES

ZEUS Holdings Inc. elected as directors Felipe Yap, Yuen Po Seng Ronald Sugapong, Daisy Parker, Ariel Lopez and Jesus Clint Aranas, who was also elected independent director. Yap was elected board chair while Yuen Po Seng was voted president.

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PRIME Orion Philippines Inc. elected as directors Felipe Yap, David Go. Micky Yong, Yuen Po Seng, Victor Say, Daisy Parker and Ricardo Romulo, who was also elected independent director. Yap was elected board chair while Yuen Po Seng was voted president and chief executive officer.

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EXPORT and Industry Bank Inc. paid to the Securities and Exchange Commission monetary penalties in the amount of P75,000 and P150,000 for the incomplete filing of its SEC Form 17 for the first and second quarters of 2005.

Compiled by Cyril L. Bonabente, PDI Research

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November 15, 2005 Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Dollar Equivalent	Peso Equivalent
United States	Dollar	0.855066	1.000000	54.5780
Japan	Yen	0.007200	0.008420	0.4595
United Kingdom	Pound	1.485934	1.737800	94.8456
Hongkong	Dollar	0.110249	0.128936	7.0371
Switzerland	Franc	0.649204	0.759244	41.4380
Canada	Dollar	0.716976	0.838504	45.7639
Singapore	Dollar	0.501476	0.586476	32.0087
Australia	Dollar	0.621821	0.727220	39.6903
Bahrain	Dinar*	2.269886	2.654632	144.8845
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.228012	0.266660	14.5538
Brunei	Dollar	0.500009	0.584761	31.9151
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000086	0.000100	0.0055
Thailand	Baht	0.020779	0.024301	1.3263
UAE	Dirham	0.232804	0.272264	14.8596
Euro	Euro	1.000000	1.169500	63.8290
Argentina	Peso	0.288630	0.337553	18.4230
Brazil	Real	0.387521	0.453206	24.7351
Denmark	Kroner	0.134120	0.156853	8.5607
India	Rupee	0.018743	0.021920	1.1963
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.226327	0.264690	14.4463
Mexico	New Peso	0.080220	0.093817	5.1203
New Zealand	Dollar	0.582391	0.681106	37.1734
South Africa	Rand	0.126381	0.147802	8.0667
Korea	Won	0.000824	0.000964	0.0526
Taiwan	Nt Dollar	0.025642	0.029988	1.6367

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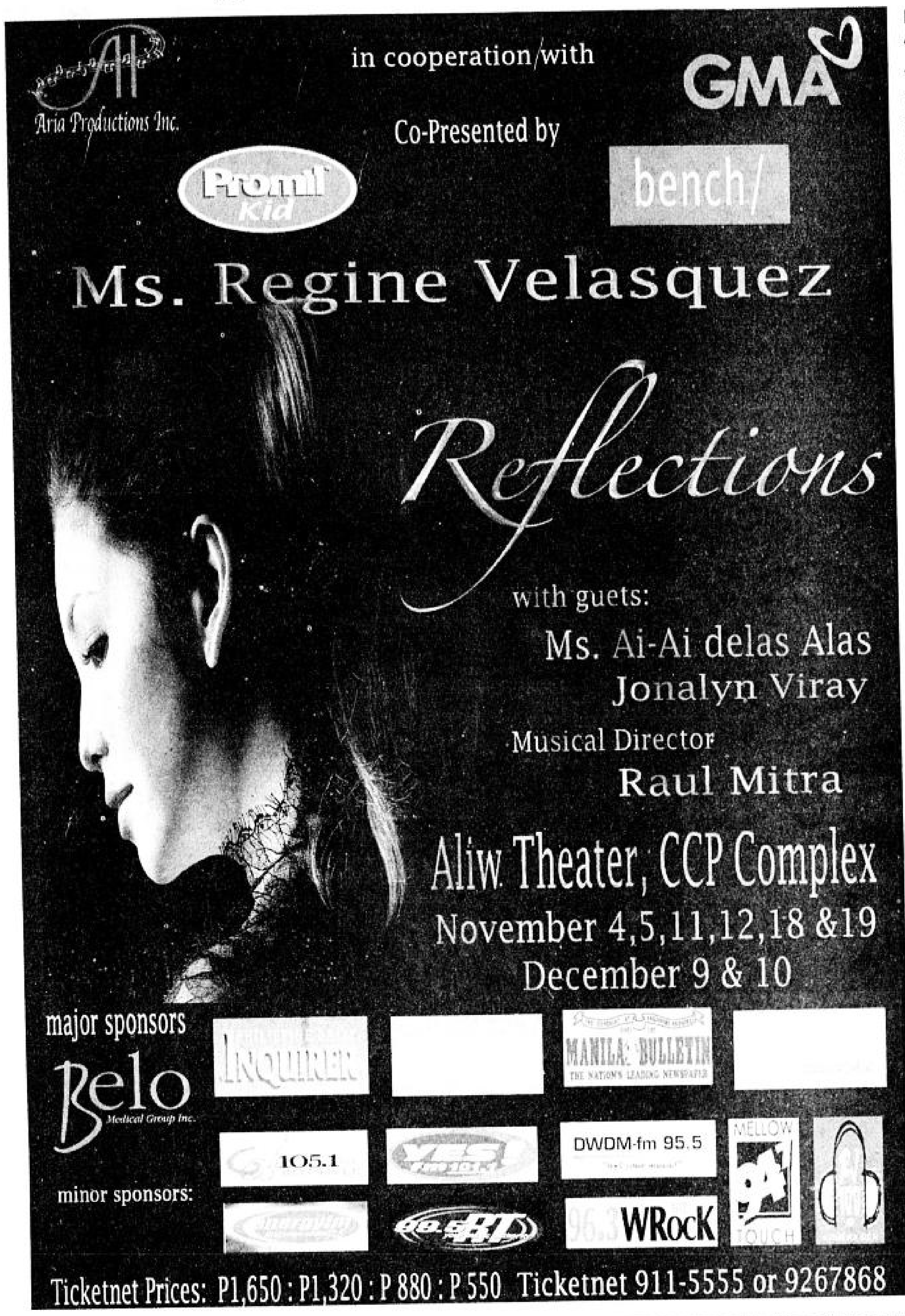
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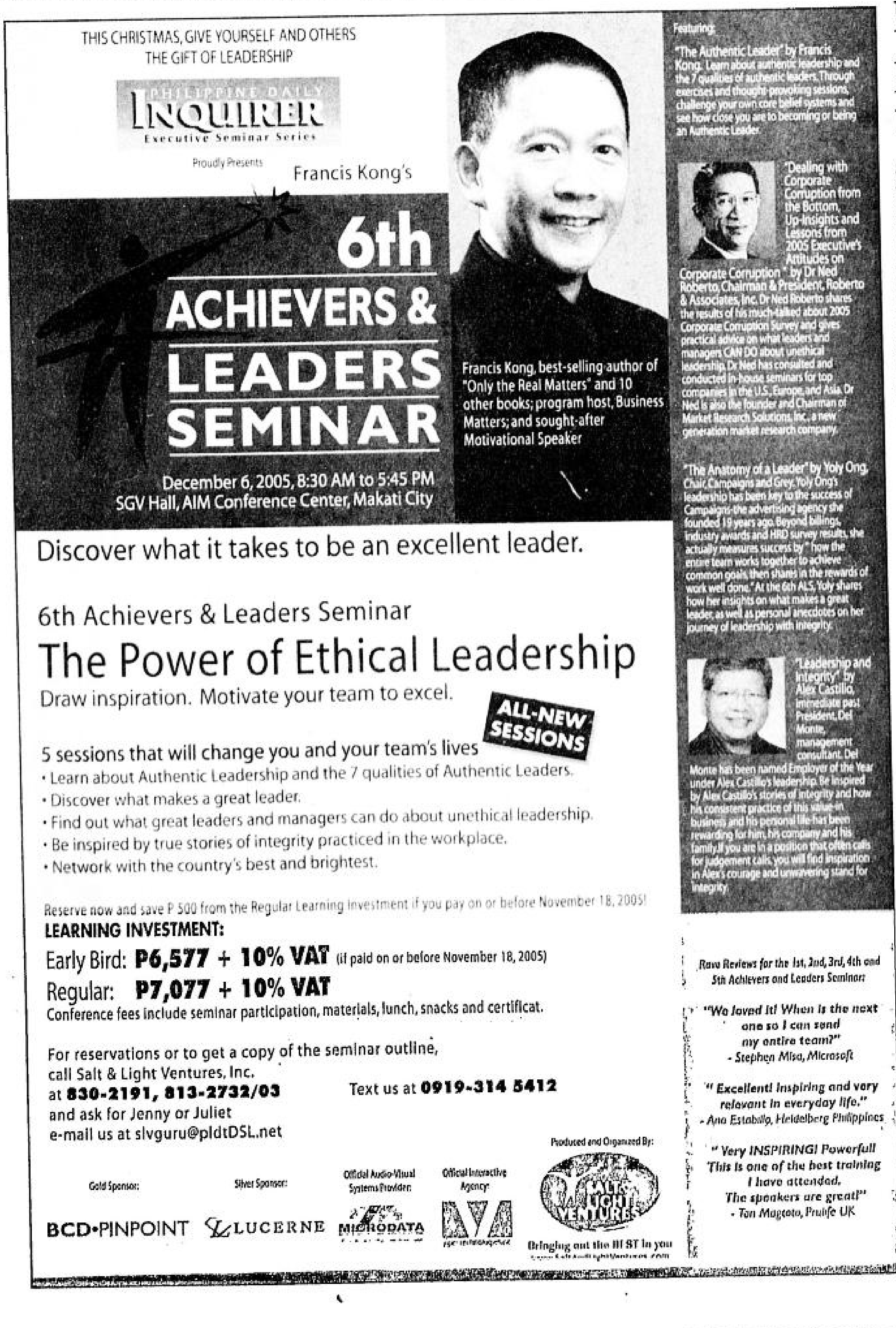
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GLOBAL TRADE TALKS REVIVAL

Apec trade chiefs forge common stance on WTO

BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA— PACIFIC RIM trade ministers agreed Tuesday on a joint statement aimed at reviving stalled global trade talks, but stopped short of naming the European Union as the main stumbling block in negotiations, officials said.

Breaking a deadlock in the World Trade Organization over subsidies in the heavily-protected farming sectors of Europe and some other developed countries has become a key focus of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum meeting in Busan, South Korea.

Trade and some foreign ministers from Apec's 21 member economies held a special meeting Tuesday with WTO chief Pascal Lamy, and later agreed to the wording of a special statement on the issue that they will hand to Apec leaders for their annual summit on Friday and Saturday.

Officials here hope a strong statement by Apec's leaders, who include US President George W. Bush, Japan's Junichiro Koizumi and China's Hu Jintao, will provide enough political clout to revive hopes for a WTO meeting in Hong Kong next month.

"We want to see progress on agriculture, we want to see the European Union come back with a better market access offer that's going to be crucial to a successful meeting in Hong Kong," Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer told reporters as he headed into the meeting.

Philippine Trade Minister Peter Favila said ministers finalized the statement to be sent to leaders, describing the tone of the document as "subtle" and "couched in such a way without pinpointing to any economies."

The ministers later entered the first of two days of talks to finalize a wide-ranging declaration to be adopted by the leaders that is expected to include new counterterrorism and anti-corruption proposals, cooperation on combatting bird flu, and steps to advance Apec's goal of free trade among members by 2020.

Many of Apec's members are exporting economies that stand to make big gains from greater access to highly protected markets in Europe, the United States and elsewhere.

"It is now high time for Apec member economies to unite under one voice and hence make a breakthrough in the WTO negotiations, with the Hong Kong ministerial conference at hand," South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki-moon told the opening of the joint meeting of foreign and trade ministers.

Apec officials say they are worried the trade round could collapse if progress is not made at the Dec. 13-18 meeting in Hong Kong and have promised the leaders' document will be a "powerful statement." *AP*

A BACKPACKER walks past a Telstra shop in central Sydney. Australia's largest telco Telstra will cut 10,000 jobs over five years as part of a massive overhaul of Telstra's operations. AFP

Telstra to cut jobs, shares fall

SYDNEY—TELSTRA CORP. LTD. SAID IT would slash its workforce by a fifth and overhaul its networks in the next five years, but its shares fell 7 percent after Australia's biggest phone company downgraded its outlook and investor fretted about the plan's costs.

The measures are part of a company-wide review by new Chief Executive Sol Trujillo and come before a planned sale of the government's A$27 billion ($20 billion) stake in the company in October or November next year.

Telstra forecast its earnings would slump by up to 30 percent in 2005/06—versus a September forecast of up to 10 percent—as it speeds up writing down existing networks and takes charges for redundancy costs.

However, it guaranteed its dividend for the next three years, committing to pay 28 cents a share for a yield of around 6.5 percent at its current share price.

Analysts and fund managers said they were concerned about how Telstra would execute the plan.

Telstra shares slid as much as 7.2 percent to a seven-week low of A$4.01, before regaining some ground to A$4.07. Telstra shares have fallen 17 percent since the start of the year, lagging the broader index which has risen 14 percent.

Telstra is under pressure to cut costs and find new sources of revenue, with the rate of decline in fixed-line revenues projected to more than double in fiscal 2006 and mobile phone growth forecast to halve. Fixed-line revenues accounted for more than a third of total revenues in fiscal 2005.

"It's pretty simple, we need to grow revenues, we need to create new revenue streams," said Trujillo, who took up the top job on July 1.

Telstra said it planned to:

- cut 6,000 to 8,000 positions over three years and 10,000 over five years.
- spend A$10 billion over five years on a new Internet Protocol network, of which A$2-A$3 billion is on top of existing plans.
- pursue deep cuts to the number of its network platforms and business and operational support systems.

Trujillo said the company expected earnings before interest and tax (EBIT) to fall 19-24 percent in 2005/06 due to increased depreciation. This would rise to 25-30 percent if a provision was raised for redundancy costs. Telstra in September forecast an EBIT decline of 7-10 percent.

The US telecoms veteran said Telstra planned revenue growth of 2-2.5 percent a year through to 2010, with costs being held at the same level as at Jan. 1, 2006. It planned EBITDA growth of 3-5 percent until 2010 and free cash flow of A$6-7 billion by 2010. *Reuters*

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Host Marriott to buy 38 Starwood hotels for $3.4B

COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND—HOST Marriott Corp. will buy 38 hotels from Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide Inc. for roughly $3.4 billion (euro2.9 billion) in a deal that Starwood hopes will free it to build its luxury brands and that boosts Host's upscale and overseas hotel and resort holdings.

The deal announced Monday between the two lodging companies calls for Bethesda-based Host to give Starwood shareholders $2.33 billion (euro1.99 billion) of Host stock and pay $1.06 billion (euro900 million) in cash. Host will also take on $700 million (euro597.6 million) of debt as part of the deal.

Starwood, headquartered in White Plains, New York, owns and operates brand names including Sheraton, Westin, St. Regis and W hotels. The company is moving toward a model of operating its properties, rather than owning them, an approach adopted by competitors such as Marriott International Inc.

"This is a major step in Starwood's evolution as a company to become more of a fee-based, brand centric company," said William Crow, a lodging analyst with Raymond James & Associates.

The sale to Host accounts for about 40 percent of the rooms Starwood owns, but Starwood will continue to manage most of the properties that Host is buying for the next 40 years.

Company CEO Steven J. Heyer said shedding the real estate would allow Starwood to focus on selling its brands to customers that include younger guests and people seeking upscale amenities.

Westin, for example, offers its plush "Heavenly Bed", which has fine sheets and bedding that has been copied by other hotel companies.

The sale accelerates "Starwood's transition from a real estate company with some hotel brands to a consumer lifestyle company with a branded hotel portfolio at its core," Heyer said in a statement. *AP*

Japan Inc. shops abroad

HONG KONG—JAPANESE FIRMS ARE back on the acquisition trail, partly to deter potential predators at home and also to placate increasingly feisty shareholders demanding ever greater returns.

This time around, Japan Inc.'s shopping list looks very different from its 1980s splurge on trophy assets from Pebble Beach golf course to New York's Rockefeller Center.

Spurred by activists such as Taiyo Pacific Partners, Dalton Investments and the Murakami Fund, who are trying to unlock hidden value, companies are considering acquisitions that secure bigger market shares and profits.

Also, managers of firms whose share price appears undervalued to investors are looking nervously over their shoulder.

"The threat of hostile takeovers has Japanese management scared," said Brian Heywood, CEO and managing partner of California-based Taiyo Pacific Partners, which invests in partnership with New York buyout firm W.L. Ross & Co.

"One way they are ready to use their cash is M&A to get a global presence. This can raise their share price and make a hostile takeover more expensive for any potential predator wishing to strip them down," he said.

So far this year the number of acquisitions by Japanese firms abroad is nearly 50 percent higher than during all of last year, according to financial data compilers at AVCJ's M&A Asia.

Eye-catching deals have included the convenience store chain Seven-Eleven Japan Co.'s buy-out offer for its affiliate 7-Eleven Inc., which has been one of the group's main engines of profit growth.

Most recently, Japan's Nippon Sheet Glass bid 2 billion pounds ($3.5 billion) for British glass maker Pilkington Plc.

Japanese firms are reorienting themselves after 15 years of economic torpor which engendered a period of self-absorption and restructuring. As they resurface they face a harsh new reality.

Japan Inc. no longer wins plaudits for its consensual management style, but instead faces criticism for not concentrating on increasing shareholder value enough.

Foreigners hold about a quarter of Japan's stock market share ownership and demand change akin to what was seen on Wall Street in the cut and thrust of the 1980s.

"Japan is experiencing the likes of MBOs and hostile takeovers for the first time. These M&A techniques are new in Japan but well developed elsewhere," said Hirofumi Hirano, President and CEO of private equity firm Nikko Principal Investments.

M&A legislation has steadily been taking firmer shape since 1997, bringing M&A more firmly into the minds of corporate managers as an option. Balance sheets have been improving, creating an M&A favorable environment. *Reuters*

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Asian markets down

SINGAPORE—A WEAKER YEN lifted Japanese export stocks and oil shares found support from a steadying crude price on Tuesday, but falls among technology and bank shares pulled most major Asian stock indexes off recent highs.

Tokyo's benchmark Nikkei average ended down 0.17 percent in a retreat from Monday's four-year peak.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng managed a 0.1 percent gain thanks in part to strength in oil producer CNOOC, but MSCI's index of non-Japan Asian shares was down 0.1 percent at 2 pm yesterday, and technology-heavy main indexes in Taiwan and Seoul lost more than 1 percent before recovering from the day's lows.

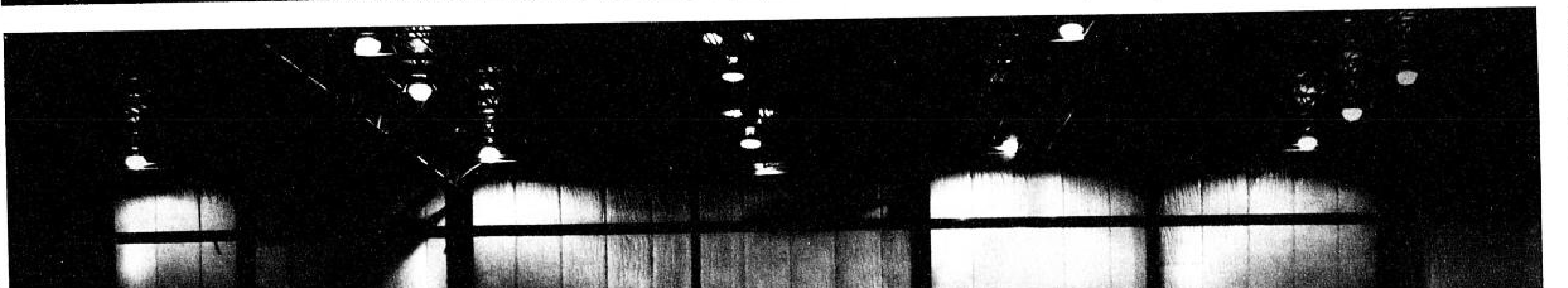
Japanese export stocks including Canon, up 2.1 percent, and Honda, up 1.0 percent, were among the bright spots, but among weaker regional financial shares, the world number one banking stock by assets, Japan's Mitsubishi UFJ fell 1.3 percent, and South Korea's Kookmin dropped 1.2 percent.

Taiwan's benchmark index slid 0.9 percent, and South Korea's KOSPI fell 0.3 percent after striking a record on Monday. Heavyweight technology stocks TSMC and Hynix Semiconductor were among the big fallers. Taipei dealers said bird flu worries were a factor in profit taking after the island found another strain of the virus in droppings left by a migratory bird.

US stocks closed mixed.

The dollar clung close to a two-year high against the euro and a 27-month peak versus the yen as investors bought into a widening yield advantage.

The yen came under pressure after Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi made a rare comment on central bank policy, saying it was too early for the Bank of Japan to end its ultra-loose "quantitative easing" until deflation is defeated. *Reuters*



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GMA Network CEO speaks at 19th PAC

DO LOCAL MEDIA HAVE WHAT IT TAKES to take on the best of the world?

Apparently, lawyer Felipe L. Gozon, chair, president and CEO of network juggernaut GMA 7, thinks so as he figures in one of the most important events in the advertising industry's calendar-the 19th Philippine Ad Congress (PAC).

Gozon joins CEOs of other industries as he takes on the media side in a forum themed "Getting Ready for the World".

"More than just a media company, it has already branched out to the World Wide Web through inq7.net a few years ago and igma.tv since January this year. Viewers who traditionally watch the shows on television get up-to-date happenings at the click of a button. While this will alter the way people view their favorite shows, GMA realizes that this is a way of the future and has already started feeding online news clips to its Internet viewers and real-time updates to mobile subscribers."

It can be said that GMA 7 has emerged to become the biggest, most profitable and most valuable broadcast network in the industry today with Gozon at its helm.

Through his strategies, Gozon has instilled a culture of excellence, breaking stagnant ratings and cashing in on a variety of talents.

The CEO forum in which Gozon will be one of the speakers shall commence on Nov. 18, the second day of the congress.

On the same day, Manuel Quiogue, president, GMA Marketing and Productions Inc, will talk about the future of TV, radio and print, while GMA 7's TV and radio personality Mike Enriquez will host the plenary sessions.

QTV or Quality Television Channel 11-GMA's sister station on the VHF channel GMA Network will sponsor the entertainment and dinner on the first night of the three-day event, while GMA Network hosts the succeeding night.

The 19th PAC is expected to surpass the 2,000 delegates in attendance of 2001 - the third time that Cebu City hosted the event. As of the last count, 2,200 participants have signed up for the event-a positive indication of Cebu's success in hosting the event for the fourth time.

The advertising congress, which is held biennially, is the first systematic industry-wide effort undertaken on a national scale to upgrade professionalism in advertising and ensure the continuing development of the industry.

Advertising Suppliers Association of the Philippines (Asap) and Marketing and Opinion Research Society of the Philippines (Mores) are the 19th PAC hosts.

WITH CHILDREN IN MIND

Representatives of the Guild of Philippine Jewellers (GPJ) sign an agreement with Bantay Bata executive director Tina Monzon Palma as the GPJ earmarks donations for the children's foundation. GPJ has pegged donations from GPJ participants in the 4th Rockwell Show at the Power Plant Mall, North Court, from Nov. 18 to 20. Shown seated from left are Mercedes Llamas of Mercelles and immediate past GPJ president; Ma. Luisa Unson, GPJ president and head of Sterling Gifts Inc, Monzon-Palma; and Netnet Torres of Bantay Bata. Standing, from left, are Olivia Montiel of GPJ, Kate Lagman of Jewelmer and Grace del Rosario of GPJ. For more details, call 728-1722 or 728-1726.

Department of Labor and Employment
OVERSEAS WORKERS WELFARE ADMINISTRATION

UNITING TO SUPPORT OFWS

Competition could cool down especially when it comes to working for a noble cause. Sun Life Financial and Philam Life, the top two financial services companies in the country today, have joined hands to support overseas Filipino workers. Sun Life and Philam, together with Globe Telecoms, recently sponsored the three major Model OFW Family of the Year awards given by the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (Owwa) to recognize achievements of OFWs and their families in managing the impact of worker migration in family life. Shown are executives from the two financial services giants who graced the eve of the awarding to meet the national finalists and Owwa officials, from left, Sun Life manager for public relations Iquit Lintag and manager for alternative distribution Christine Azurin; Owwa Director of Regional Operations and Coordination Service Luz Talento, and Chief of Planning and Program Development Division Ma. Elvira Ador; Philam senior assistant vice president Christopher Cary Casipit, and OFW business development associate Adrian Joseph Fernandez.

Your money back at Watsons

IT IS OFTEN SAID THAT THE BEST THINGS in life are free. However, with today's high standard of living, people's salaries are normally spent paying for utilities, credit card bills and very little is left for their own little luxuries and even personal care. With that in mind, Watsons brings back the fantastic "Pay Day Pay Back" promo. Watsons gives shoppers a chance to win back the money that they spent shopping at the personal care store.

With the success of the promo last year, Watsons treats its customers anew with "Pay Day Pay Back" promo. For a minimum purchase of P300, customers get a chance to win whatever amount is printed on their tape receipts. This exciting opportunity will happen from Nov. 18 to 20.

Watsons gives you the best value for your money. This is only one of the fabulous deals that Watsons offers its beloved customers. Don't miss this amazing opportunity. Catch these deals at the Watsons outlet nearest you.

Watsons Your Personal Store is the largest health and beauty retailer in Asia, currently operating over 980 stores in 9 markets.

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PINOYGSM IS NOW HOLDING FREE SEMINARS for the public to provide information about the benefits of Prepaid Loading Services which are offered to those who want to start a small business or an extra source of income.

Interested parties who want to attend the daily seminars about "reload" services can go to the PinoyGSM office at Room 216 Consolacion Building, Araneta Center, Cubao, Quezon City from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays to Fridays. Just register at the front desk before listening to the hourly seminars in the afternoon.

Known as "reLoad," PinoyGSM is acknowledged as the country's first "universal prepaid loading service" where anyone can buy and sell prepaid load from any network by using only one SIM card and one phone.

Pinoy GSM reLoad also offers discounted rates for electronic load (e-load) to sell for family and friends and still earn extra income for a fledging business.

For more information on reLoad, call PinoyGSM at 439-6422 and 440-1050.

PAMBANSANG PANGASIWAAN SA PAGKAIN
NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BIDDING

In consonance with Republic Act 9184, the National Food Authority (NFA) wishes to announce that it will be conducting a bidding on **December 08, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.** at the FOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (FDC) Auditorium, FTI Complex, Taguig, Metro Manila, to all interested rice suppliers for the supply of **350,000 MT, 5% MOLSO** long grain white rice, 25% brokens, Well-Milled, in fifty (50) kilograms net each in polypropylene bags suitable for rice export with NFA markings to be loaded in bulk carrier/s with an appropriated budget from corporate resources of Php 6.0 B. Containerized shipment is not allowed. Source countries shall be Thailand, Vietnam, China, Pakistan, Australia and/or U.S.A. A maximum of 50,000 MT each shall be awarded in case of Pakistan, Australia, and/or USA origin.

All interested suppliers are required to submit quotations for all specifications on CFR FO basis. Documents Against Acceptance (D/A) with a tenor of ninety (90) days from receipt by NFA of the complete set of original documents for payment and on the basis of mandatory countertrade and countertrade performed on best effort. Otherwise, bids shall be considered non-responsive.

Arrival period shall be as follows:

AT LEAST 25% — JANUARY 2006
AT LEAST 50% — FEBRUARY 2006
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Government suppliers and private suppliers who have delivered to the NFA within the last three (3) years (2003/2004/2005) and do not have a bad track record may be awarded the following maximum volume:

SUPPLIER	VOLUME (MT)
Government (with good track record)	250,000
Private (with good track record)	50,000
Government (without track record)	50,000
Private (without track record	25,000

However, suppliers and/or source companies with pending import-related accounts/liability prior 2003 are considered to have bad track record and are not allowed to participate in the bid.

Minimum volume to be offered per supplier shall be 10,000 MT per specification. Vessels to be utilized should have a maximum load capacity of 15,000 MT.

All bidders are required to post a bid bond equivalent to 3% of the highest value of offered quantity in the form of cashier's/manager's check issued by a reputable bank in Metro Manila or an irrevocable stand-by Letter of Credit issued by a reputable commercial bank or in the case of an irrevocable and-by L/C issued by foreign bank, the same shall be confirmed by a reputable local bank.

Winning bidders are required to post a performance bond equivalent to 10% of the value of the awarded quantity within three (3) banking days after receipt of the notice of award in the form of cashier's/manager's check issued by a reputable bank in Metro Manila or an irrevocable stand-by Letter of Credit issued by a reputable commercial bank or in the case of an irrevocable stand-by L/C issued by a foreign bank, the same shall be confirmed by a reputable local bank.

List of Eligibility Requirements and instructions to bidders may be secured starting **November 09, 2005** thru MR. TOMAS R. ESCAREZ, Assistant Department Manager and MR. NESTOR U. PUANGCO, Division Chief III, Directorate for Marketing Operations, 5th Floor, NFA, Matimyas Bldg., 101 E. Rodriguez Sr. Ave., Quezon City with telephone numbers 712-1564; 742-4140; 743-8696; 711-7433; 740-1977; 712-1708; and 712-1572.

The terms of reference and offer sheets will likewise be available from **November 09 to December 07, 2005** (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P7,500.00.

The pre-bidding conference will be held on **November 24, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.** at the FOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (FDC) Auditorium, FTI Complex, Taguig, Metro Manila.

Submission of bids will be on **December 08, 2005 between 8:00 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.** at the FOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (FDC) Auditorium, FTI Complex, Taguig, Metro Manila. Opening of bids will start exactly at **10:00 a.m.**

The National Food Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals, to waive any required formality or defect therein and may accept in the bid/s which is deemed most advantageous to the Agency.

(Sgd.) **JESSUP P. NAVARRO**
Deputy Administrator and
Chairman, BAC

(PDI – November 9 & 16, 2005)

VICTORIAS
MILLING COMPANY, INC.

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID

VICTORIAS MILLING COMPANY, INC., Victorias City, Negros Occidental wishes to invite interested parties/bidders to pre-qualify and to bid for the six (6) month-supply of medicines and other medical supplies for VMC Clinic.

Interested bidders must submit the following requirements:

- VMC accreditation papers for those who are not yet accredited
- Authorized Dealership/Distributorship Certificate

Pre-qualification and bidding forms are available at the MCD Office, VMC Millsite and at the VMC Makati Procurement Office during office hours from **November 16-24, 2005** upon payment of non-refundable fee of P500.00. Deadline for submission of pre-qualification papers is on **November 29, 2005**. The pre-bid conference for qualified bidders is on **December 2, 2005, 2:30 P.M.** at the **HRD Conference Room**, VMC Millsite, Victorias City, Negros Occidental. The bidding date will be announced thereafter. Sealed bids shall be accompanied by a bidder's bond equivalent to five percent (5%) of the bid price in the form of cashier's/manager's check payable to Victorias Milling Company, Inc.

For further inquiries, please contact Messrs. Carlos S. Quiatchon, Dan C. Labrador, Ramon P. Pun-an or Edwin D. Togonon at VMC Millsite at tel. nos. **(034)399-3696 to 97, (034)399-3699** and **(local)2309**, and Mr. Ernesto Oligo, Jr. at VMC Makati Procurement Office at tel. nos. **(02)890-7061, (02)895-4150 and (02)899-0485**, or e-mail us at mcd@victoriasmilling.com and visit our website www.victoriasmilling.com.

Victorias Milling Company, Inc. reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, to waive any required formality therein, and to make an award to the bidder whose proposal is most advantageous to the Company. The Company assumes no obligation to compensate or indemnify the bidder/s for any expense or loss that they may incur in the preparation of bids, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

(Sgd.) **TERESITA V. ILAGAN**
Chairperson, Senior Bidding Committee

(PDI - Nov. 16, 2005)

National Power Corporation

Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid

Republic of the Philippines

NPC, PSD 2005-014

VARIOUS EQUIPMENT, SPARE PARTS, WORK ORDERS INTENDED FOR NPC MAJOR POWER PLANTS

1 The NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION, through its approved Corporate Budget of CY 2005 intends to apply the sum of (see schedule under 9) being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract as listed below. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected/disqualified at Bid opening.

2. The NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION now invites Bids from eligible Bidders for GOODS as listed below. Delivery of the GOODS are required by the date indicated in the bid documents. The description of an eligible Bidder is contained in Section II of the Bidding Documents, Instruction to Bidders (ITB).

3 Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act", and is restricted to Filipino Citizens/ sole proprietorships, organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights to privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to Republic Act 5183 (R.A. 5183) and subject to commonwealth Act 138 (C.A. 138). Only bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB. The bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB) shall advance to post qualification stage in order to finally determine responsiveness of the bid to technical and financial requirements of the project. The contract shall then be awarded to the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who shall determine as such during the post-qualification procedure.

4. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. However, issuance of Bidding Documents shall start on November 16, 2005 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Monday to Friday. No Bid Documents will be issued on the date of bidding.

5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by Interested Bidders from the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee in the amount as listed below. The method of payment will be cash. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative.

6. The NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on the dates as listed below at National Power Corporation's available function rooms.

7. Bids and eligibility requirements must be delivered to the address below on or before the dates as listed below. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid security in the form of cash, certified check, cashiers check, bank draft or irrevocable letter of credit equivalent to one percent (1%) of the ABC; Bank guarantee equivalent to one and a half percent (1.5%) of the ABC; Surety bond equivalent to two and a half percent (2.5%) of the ABC, Foreign guarantee equivalent to one hundred percent (100%) of the ABC, or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency. Late Bids shall not be accepted.

8. Bid opening shall be on the dates as listed below at National Power Corporation's available function rooms. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidder's representatives who choose to attend at the address below.

9. ITEMS FOR BID

SCHEDULE NUMBER	PR NUMBER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	APPROVED BUDGET FOR THE CONTRACT	BID DOCS. PRICE
DATE OF RE-BIDDING: DECEMBER 13, 2005; 2:00 PM				
14A1	1MCF-05-423 (JP)	J.O. REPLACEMENT OF VEGA ULTRASONIC COAL BUNKER LEVEL MEASURING SYSTEM	₱ 1,500,000.00	₱ 1,000.00
14A2	1MCF-05-465 (JP)	J.O.-FOR UNDER WATER INSTALLATION OF 20 YRS. CATHODIC PROTECTION SYSTEM	₱ 1,457,940.00	₱ 1,000.00
14A3	35AC-05-692 (RP)	UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SUPPLY, ENERTRONIC OR EQUIV., 20 KVA, DUAL REDUNDANT	₱ 6,000,000.00	₱ 3,000.00
14A4	3BAC-05-671 (RP)	J.O. SUPPLY OF HARDWARE/SOFTWARE INCLUDING INSTALLATION, TEST & COMMISSIONING OF DISTRIBUTED CONTROL SYSTEM	₱ 9,900,000.00	₱ 3,000.00
14A5	3BAC-05-693 (RP)	J.O. - SUPPLY OF HARDWARE/SOFTWARE INCLUDING INSTALLATION, TEST & COMMISSIONING FOR UPGRADING OF TURBINE GOVERNING SYSTEM	₱ 9,900,000.00	₱ 3,000.00
DATE OF BIDDING: DECEMBER 19, 2005; 2:00 PM				
14B1	5PGP-05-361 (JP)	TOOL, HYDRAULIC TORQUE & TENSION	₱ 2,482,290.00	₱ 2,000.00

NOTE: A Pre-Bidding Conference will be held at any available NPC Function Room for the following bidding schedules on:

14A1-14A5	December 1, 2005, 9:00 AM	14B1	December 6, 2005, 9:00 AM

10. The NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

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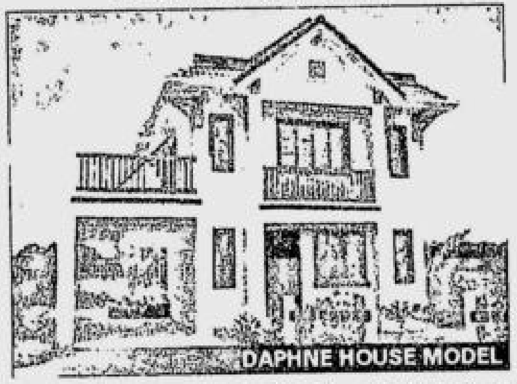

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Victory Pawnshop at 45 Bonifacio Market Kalookan City will hold an auction sale of all expired items on Nov. 28, 2005 at 10:00am Mr. Vicente Zamora- Auctioneer

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BULLETIN OF VACANT POSITIONS

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1. **GENERAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU B** - Item Nos. OMBA-LEA2-6-2004; OMBA-LEA2-7-2004; OMBA-LEA2-8-2004; OMBA-LEA2-9-2004; OMBA-LEA2-10-2004; OMBA-LEA2-11-2004; OMBA-LEA2-12-2004; OMBA-LEA2-13-2004; OMBA-LEA2-14-2004; OMBA-LEA2-60-2004; OMBA-LEA2-61-2004; OMBA-LEA2-62-2004; OMBA-LEA2-63-2004 (13 Positions)
2. **GENERAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU C** - Item Nos. OMBA-LEA2-15-2004; OMBA-LEA2-16-2004; OMBA-LEA2-17-2004; OMBA-LEA2-18-2004; OMBA-LEA2-19-2004; OMBA-LEA2-20-2004; OMBA-LEA2-21-2004; OMBA-LEA2-22-2004; OMBA-LEA2-23-2004; OMBA-LEA2-42-2004; OMBA-LEA2-43-2004; OMBA-LEA2-44-2004 (12 Positions)
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We, the family of the late

LIBERTAD DELA ROSA LONTOK-ORDOÑEZ

of

Iba, Zambales and Marikina City
June 17, 1922 – November 6, 2005

Wish to express our deepest appreciation to all those who offered Masses and prayers; attended vigils; sent flowers, foods & letters of sympathy; gave donations; spent precious time with us and who in countless ways, condoled with and comforted us during our time of bereavement.

DEMETRIO MAWILI PIGUING

of Tanay, Rizal

passed away in the Grace of our Lord on November 12, 2005 at the age of 81.

Mitong, "Papa ng Bayan", is fondly remembered as a devoted husband to GLORY; loving father to AL & Ina, JUDITH & Cesar, JOSEPH & Anabel, TOTIT & Grace, CHERRY & Benjie, BENG & Rezzie, ROSE & Jimmy, JAKE & Gemma, NENENG & Ferdie, VIC & Vilma; caring lolo to his 33 grandchildren; and thoughtful brother to his only surviving sister, BIBIANA (Sr. Otosia, S Sp S).

A TEACHER, in the truest sense of the word, he left behind invaluable life lessons to everyone whose life he touched.

His remains lie in state at the family residence at 30 P. Burgos Street, Tanay, Rizal.

Interment is set for Saturday, Nov. 19, 2005 at the Haven of Rest Memorial Park after the 1:00 p.m. Mass at the San Ildefonso Parish Church.

LT.COL. WILFREDO B. AGALOOS SR., (PC ret.)

of San Isidro, Abra

March 29, 1918 - November 11, 2005

Willie is survived by his wife Maria Acidera, and children Wilfredo Jr., Wil-mar, Willard, and daughters-in-Law Norma, Marilyn, Carmila and grandchildren.

His body lies in state at the U.P. Chapel, Univ. of the Phil., Diliman, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2005 at the Libingan ng mga Bayani, Taguig, Metro Manila after the 7:00 a.m. mass.

Her light shall always be shining over us...

In Loving Memory

on the Second Death Anniversary of

Ma. Roberta Estrella Pareja Montaño

(29 May 1979 – 16 November 2003)

Dearest daughter of **Major Gen. & Mrs. Ramon E. Montaño** and beloved sister of **Rommel, Maripaz and Rian Montaño.**

Holy Masses will be offered today, November 16, 2005 at the following churches:

St. Joseph the Walker Parish Church, San Jose, Negros Oriental
St. Benedictine Church, Alabang Hills, Muntinlupa City
Santuario de San Jose, Forbes Park, Makati City

Conchita Dionisio Salvatera

Beloved wife of deceased Judge Honorio Salvatera of Claveria, Cagayan

Born – Pulilan, Bulacan, September 19, 1920 – November 12, 2005

Children – **Cesong & Bonet, Nory & Lillian, Eva & Joe, Fely & Pol, Norma, Nestor (Deceased), Monica, Bernadette, Marites-Ed, Walter-Rose.**

Funeraria Paz, Araneta Ave., Quezon City (Superior Room) Mass every night at 7:30 P.M. Tel. No. 749-3806 to 11 Local 139.

Interment will be on Thursday, November 17, 2005, Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina

Funeraria Paz – 11:00 a.m. (Blessing & Eulogy)
St. Peter Church – Commonwealth Ave., Quezon City, 1:00 p.m. Mass

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Juan P. Factora

peacefully joined our Lord on November 13, 2005 at age 97 in Sarrat, Ilocos Norte,

leaving three children and their families: **Ramona Jane Factora–Pearl, Robert Factora, John Factora (†)** all in Ohio, USA.

We request the readers to pray for his eternal repose.

CLASSIFIEDS

PNOC-Energy Development Corporation
Energy Complex, Merritt Road
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Telephone 893-1320, Local 5281

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND RE-BID

The PNOC-Energy Development Corporation is inviting all interested suppliers to apply and submit sealed bids for the supply and delivery of the following:

One (1) set Oracle Database Standard Ed. under CK-502143
Approved Budget - Php 4,500,000.00

Eligibility forms and bidding documents shall be available for issuance at the above address c/o **Mr. Rocky M. Turingan** starting **November 09, 2005**, from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P400.00 per document.

For purposes of clarifying certain matters, a pre-bidding conference shall be held on **November 17, 2005, 2:00 p.m.** at the above address.

Applications for eligibility and sealed bids shall be submitted to, and registered with the PNOC-EDC Procurement Department at the above address, and thereafter dropped in the padlocked bid box thereat not later than **2:00 p.m. (Procurement Office Wall Clock Time)** of **December 01, 2005**. Public opening of bids shall follow immediately thereafter. **Late bids shall not be accepted.**

Prospective bidders shall signify conformance to the bidding terms and conditions, as required, and shall ensure the same through proper submission/execution. Source of funding is from Internal Cash Generation of PNOC-EDC. All bids should be within the Approved Budget for the Contract in order to qualify.

PNOC-Energy Development Corporation reserves the right to annul the bidding process, to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in the bids received and to accept such bid which is most advantageous to PNOC-EDC without thereby incurring liability to the affected bidder or bidders or any obligation to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the ground(s) for PNOC-EDC's action.

Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI--Nov. 9 & 16, 2005)

World leading Call Centers joins the Araneta Center Job Expo

THE JOBZ EMPLOYMENT EXPO 2005 WHICH WILL BE HELD ON Nov. 25-26, at the Expo Centro of the Araneta Center, Cubao Quezon City was able to convince world's leading call centers to join the two-day recruitment and selection event.

Convergy's, Teletech and Sykes Asia were the early Business Outsourcing Companies to signify their intention to join the job expo. A total of more than 4,000 call center professionals are needed by theses companies and they expect a higher percentage of recruits in this event.

Boosted by its strategic location along the major thoroughfares, the Jobz Employment Expo at the Expo Centro of the Araneta Center aims to attract quality applicants from the major Quezon City villages and universities, the nearby suburbs, and nearby provinces of Central and Northern Luzon.

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NOTICE OF SEARCH AND CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Board of Trustees of the Batanes State College formally and publicly announces that the **Search for Presidency** of the BATANES STATE COLLEGE is now open. Interested applicants and/or nominees are invited to send their formal applications to the Search Committee chaired by Atty. Lilia S. Garcia.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be a Filipino citizen
- Preferably a holder of a doctoral degree
- Preferably between 40 to 60 years old but not more than 65 at the time of application
- Must be morally upright
- With Recognized leadership in his/her profession in the academe or industry
- With at least five (5) years of managerial/administrative experience

In addition to the above-mentioned qualifications, the applicants should make a full disclosure of all administrative, criminal, and/or civil cases filed in any court in the Philippines and are required to submit the following clearances:

- National Bureau of Investigation
- Sandiganbayan
- Civil Service Commission and/or Certificate of No Pending Administrative Case issued by the Administrative Officer of present employer
- Previous Employer

Formal application addressed to the Search Committee should be accompanied with:

- Detailed curriculum vitae and certified supporting documents
- Proposed Vision, Mission and Thrusts of the College
- Results of neuro-psychiatric examination conducted by any government physician or any accredited health institution
- Medical Certificate from a government physician

Interested applicants and/or those nominated for the position are requested to submit six (6) sets of their formal application and certified supporting documents on or before **31 January 2006** to:

MR. MARLON N. FABRICANTE
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INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID

The Provincial Government of Oriental Negros invites all licensed security agencies to pre-qualify and submit sealed bids for the following requirement, viz:

1. CY 2006 SECURITY SERVICES REQUIREMENT involving Twenty-Nine (29) guards to be assigned to the different provincial offices and facilities.

The list of pre-qualification requirements may be obtained from the Bids and Awards Committee Secretariat (Provincial General Services Office).

Sealed bids will be accepted on or before December 6, 2005 also not later than 10:00 o'clock in the morning by the Committee on Awards at Provincial General Services Office at which time and place said bid proposals will be opened. A Pre-bid Conference is scheduled on November 22, 2005 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the same venue.

The Committee on Awards reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any required formality and award the contract to the bidder whose bid proposal as evaluated by the Committee is the most advantageous to the government, nor to indemnify the bidders for any expense or loss that may be incurred in the preparation of bids, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

(Sgd.) ATTY. ISMAEL P. MARTINEZ
Provincial General Services Officer
Chairman, Bids & Awards Committee

(PDI Nov 9 & 16 2005)

PNOC ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

ENERGY CENTER, MERRITT ROAD, FORT BONIFACIO, TAGUIG CITY
Tel. No. 893-1320 loc. 5275

INVITATION FOR BID

- PNOC – Energy Development Corporation (PNOC-EDC) has received an ODA loan from Japan Bank for International Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as JBIC), in the amount of 14,460,000,000.00 Yen towards the cost of the No. Negros Geothermal Power Projects and intends to apply the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for the **SUPPLY AND DELIVERY of:**

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  Disbursement of an ODA Loan by JBIC will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement, including the disbursement procedures and the "Guidelines for Procurement under JBIC ODA Loans". No party other than PNOC-EDC shall derive any rights from the Loan Agreement or have any claim to loan proceeds. The above Loan Agreement will cover only a part of the project cost. As for the remaining portion, PNOC-EDC will take appropriate measures for finance.

2. JBIC requires that bidders and contractors, as well as PNOC-EDC, under contracts funded with JBIC ODA Loans and other Japanese ODA, observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts. In pursuance of this policy, JBIC;
   a) will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the bidder recommended for award has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question;
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3. PNOC-EDC now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders from eligible source countries for the supply of the Goods for the purpose of the Project
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information on the bid form and inspect the bidding documents at the office of Purchasing Division c/o **Harold T. Fontillas** PNOC-Energy Development Corporation, Energy Center, Merritt Road, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig, Metro Manila, Philippines, Tel. No. (632)893-1320 Loc. 5275, Fax No. (632)840-1834
5. A complete set of bidding documents may be secured by any interested eligible bidder starting **November 16, 2005**, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Four Hundred Pesos (PHP 400.00) Philippine Currency.**
6. For purposes of clarifying matters, a pre-bidding conference shall be held on **November 24, 2005 at 2:00 p.m.** at the above address.
7. The estimated date of award is on **January 8, 2006.**
8. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in the amount indicated in the tender documents and in the form acceptable to PNOC-EDC. The bids must be delivered to the above address on or before **2:00 P.M. of December 8, 2005**. Public opening of bids shall follow immediately thereafter. **Late bids shall not be accepted.**
9. PNOC-EDC will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.
10. PNOC-EDC reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to annul the bidding process and to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in the bids received and to accept such bid which is most advantageous to PNOC-EDC without thereby incurring liability to the affected bidder or bidders or any obligation to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the ground for PNOC-EDC's action

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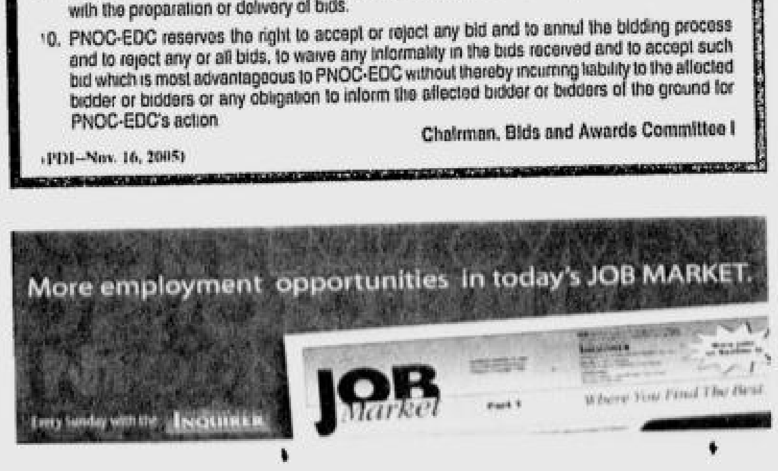
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ISM hikes stake in ETPI to 58%

Ongpin firm acquires Australia company's 40% holdings in telco

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

ISM COMMUNICATIONS CORP. OF FORMER Trade Secretary Roberto Ongpin has taken over control of Eastern Telecommunications Philippines Inc. (ETPI).

Yesterday, ISM signed an agreement with Australia Gigahertz Network International Pty. Ltd., acquiring the Australian firm's 40 percent holdings in Eastern Telecommunications.

With the purchase of the 40-percent stake, ISM will have a total of 57.7-percent interest in ETPI. Earlier, ISM acquired the 17.7-percent stake from Aerocom Investors and Managers Inc.

The remaining shares in ETPI are owned by the government, with 32 percent, and Smart Communications Inc., 9.8 percent.

ISM is controlled by publicly listed Philweb Corp. jointly owned by Ongpin and the Ortigas family.

To fund the purchase, ISM will use the proceeds, worth $8.2 million or roughly P450 million, raised from a private placement to strategic investors, including Ashmore Investment Management Ltd. of the United Kingdom.

Control over ETPI will allow ISM, with the support of the Ashmore Group, to turn the ailing telco into a new generation provider of data, voice and telephony services.

ETPI is the oldest telephone company in the Philippines. It was originally controlled by the firm Cable and Wireless of the United Kingdom.

Eric Recto, ISM president, said that at this time, ISM is not in talks with either the government or Smart to buy their respective stakes.

Recto also told the INQUIRER that ISM is on the lookout for more acquisitions in the telecommunications sector.

Recto said in a telephone interview that the ETPI acquisition "will not be the last purchase of telco assets."

"We continue to believe that there are interesting assets out there that we will consider at the right time," he said. "But the first order of the day is to turnaround ETPI."

He also said that pending complaints against shareholders of ETPI, arising from issues about the ownership of ETPI, "will soon be dropped."

The ISM Group earlier said it was confident it can turn around the operations of ETPI.

ETPI had accumulated more than P1.5 billion in losses over the last six years.

The Ongpin group reportedly had been fortifying its interest in the telecommunications sector due to plans to bring in Li Ka-shing's Hutchison Whampoa Ltd. of Hong Kong into the country.

Recto however had denied these speculations.

"I can categorically say that ISM's intentions in ETPI are devoid of any involvement with Hutchison or with Extelcom," Recto said earlier.

With the purchase of ETPI, the telco will be ISM's prime asset. Recto yesterday said that there are no plans to merge ISM with any of the Ongpin-led firms such as Philweb.

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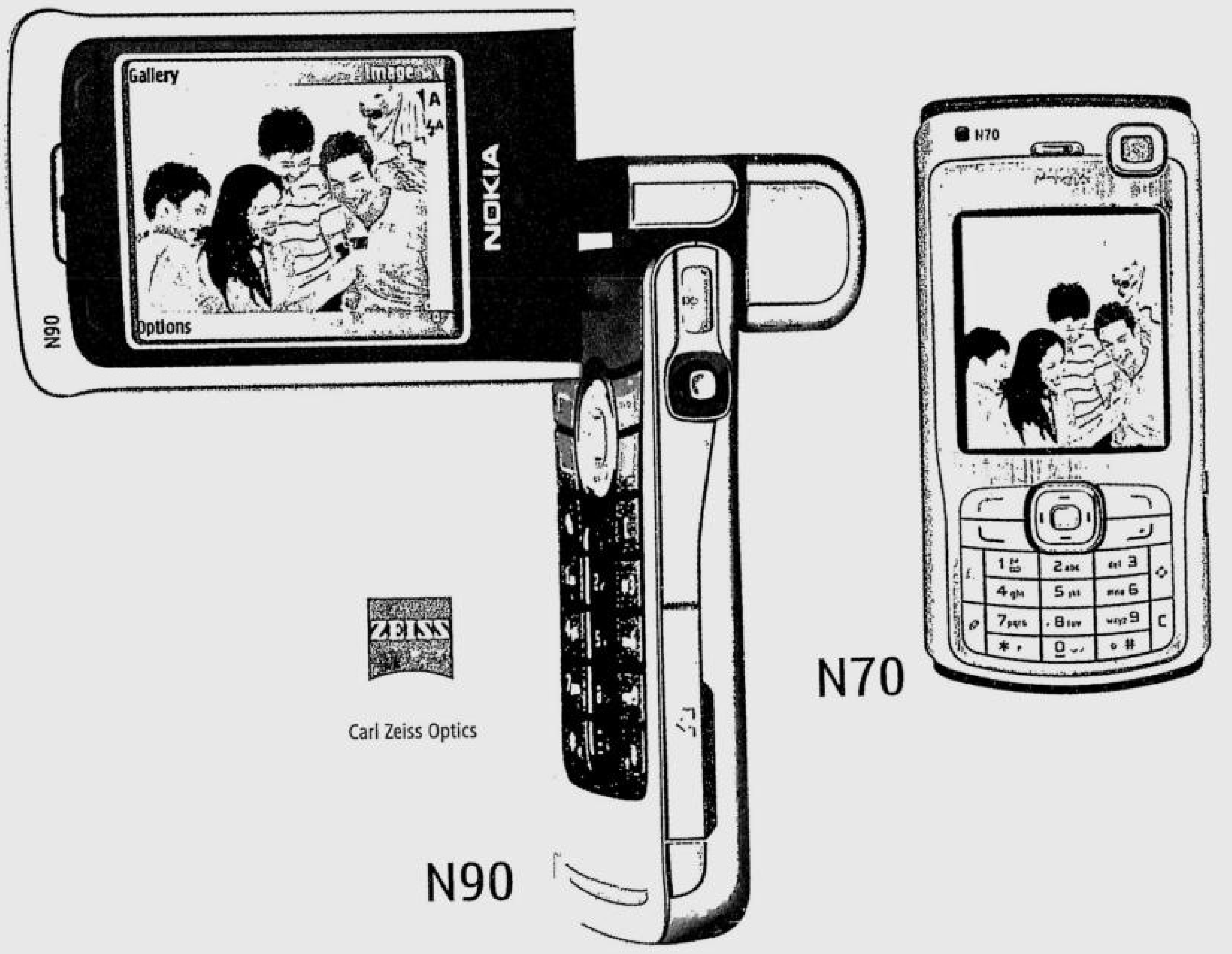

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BSP expects '06 GIR to stay above $17B

By Michelle V. Remo

THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS HAS projected that the country's gross international reserves (GIR)—a measure of its foreign currency holdings—would stay at a "healthy" level above $17 billion by the end of the year.

The BSP partly attributes its projected GIR level to its income from foreign exchange operations and investments abroad.

The central bank monitors the level of GIR, a tool which determines the country's ability to service maturing foreign obligations and import requirements.

BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. said reserves of over $17 billion would be enough to cover 3.4 months worth of imports. The figure would also be worth 1.5 times the country's short-term foreign debts.

As of end-September, the country's GIR stood at its highest level of $18.589 billion.

The end-September GIR level included the $1-billion deposit by the national government, which issued a 10-year global bond during the month.

Tetangco said the BSP wanted to keep the GIR above the $17-billion level.

For this reason, the central bank opted to make a $500-million syndicated loan from various international and domestic banks to pay for a maturing obligation this month.

The BSP has about $800 million worth of maturing foreign liabilities in November.

But instead of taking some funds from the GIR, the BSP said it would rather borrow to prevent reducing the country's GIR.

The $500-million loan was signed yesterday at the BSP.

The loan would be provided by the following banks: Standard Chartered, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp., Calyon, HSH Nordbank AG Singapor, ING Bank, International Commercial Bank of China, Banco de Oro Universal Bank, Development Bank of the Philippines, Philippine National Bank, China Banking Corp., Metropolitan Bank and Trust Co., Land Bank of the Philippines, Bayerishche Hypo-und Vereinsbank AG, Australia New Zealand Banking Group Limited, Equitable-PCI Bank and Philtrust Bank

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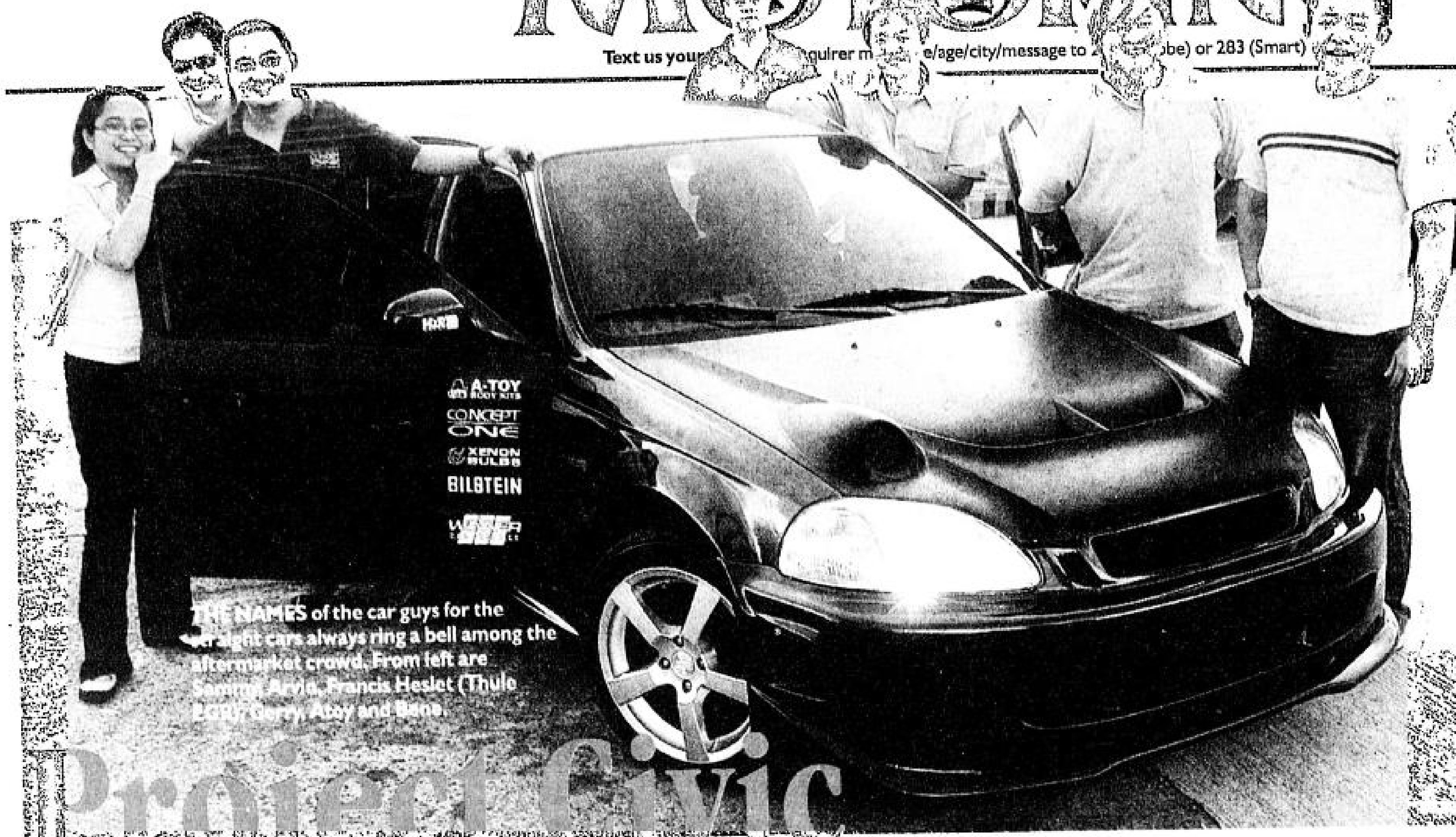


THE NAMES of the car guys for the straight cars always ring a bell among the aftermarket crowd. From left are Sammy, Arvin, Francis Heslet (Thule EGR), Gerry, Atoy and Bene.

Project Civic is 'pimp my ride for a cause'

Text by Tessa R. Salazar
Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan

TRANSFORMING MY STOCK issue 1997 Civic LXi into a "hot momma" look would cost about P230,000.

But before I could say all systems go to a group of rich Chinese boys with a keen eye for the auto after-sales market, I issued my final instruction: "I want a car that's pimped for an everyday commute, not dressed up to stay still in a showroom."

They promised to come up with a makeover that's ever so subtle I could still use the car every day without inviting road hecklers and "road ragers" with an extra short fuse for show-offs on the road. The transformation, though, would still be unmistakable to those in the know.

All in the hood

My Civic's first stop was with Atoy Llave, the man who dreams of designing cars as uniquely and as affordably possible. For this particular Civic that didn't require a complete makeover in body paint, Atoy decided to replace the entire hood to embody the changes done on the external look of the car.

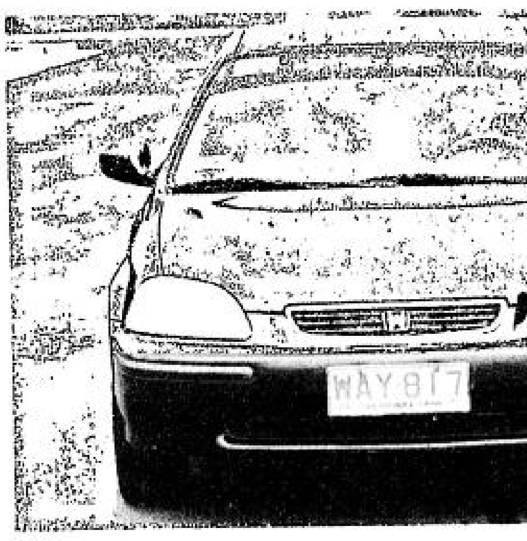
The old Civic hood, part of the sheet metal frame of the car, was replaced with an aggressive black fiberglass hood more than 50 percent lighter than the material it replaced.

Not only was it light, but also it looked as aggressive as a bull—what with those downward scooping aspiration grills that looked like angry nostrils, and that big air intake grill knob, just above the right headlight, that looked like a big nose ring. Passing motorists and pedestrians couldn't help but do a double take on just this hood alone.

Atoy said the new hood's look wasn't just for show. The hood's three grills served to aerate, or transfer the heat of the engine to the incoming cooler air scooped up by the grills. Cooler engines work more efficiently.

The black color, meanwhile, serves to "subdue" the radical look of the hood's surface contour. The black hue, in fact, would create an illusion that the hood was flat.

Aside from the hood, Atoy also did his magic on the bumpers and side skirts. These modifications, Atoy explained, serve to make the bottom half of the Civic more aerodynamic, while at the same time directing oncoming air to cool the car's brakes.



A SECOND-HAND factory edition 1997 model Honda Civic Lxi transformed into a 'hot momma' ready to ramble with head-turning hood to boot.

Sporty but not wild

"The car's look is now *maginoo pero medyo bastos* (respectable with a touch of naughtiness)," described Atoy. "The design of your car can go well for young or old. It's sporty, but not wild," he said.

I'd take his word for it. Atoy's body kit designs have won in auto show competitions in Canada, Singapore and Taiwan. They have also been featured in local and international magazines. One of his designs came out at Performance BMW magazine's cover page of the September 2004 issue.

Atoy's award-winning designs and racing body modifications can be seen at www.A-toybodykits.com.

Best 'shoemaker' in town

Once the Civic's body got its new wardrobe, it was time to put on new "shoes." Arguably, the best "shoemaker" in town is Sammy Liuson of Concept1.

Summing up the importance of choosing the right tires and rims for the car, Sammy said: "How you upsize your wheels directly affects the car's handling and cornering."

He imports and distributes wholesale in the Philippines the Concept One brand (www.conceptonewheels.com). He is now the foremost authority on wheels and rims in the aftermarket segment, and also owns Wheel Gallery in Sta. Mesa, Manila.

Working on my requirements that I still needed a good measure of riding comfort on my wheels even as they generated that esthetic "oomph," Sammy limited the choices for my rim sizes to between 14" and 18".

Sammy finally chose the 16" mags for the Civic, with Continental tires to boot. The price of each rim and tire was pegged at P32,000. Sammy explained that the tire size would already be a looker, while at the same time would maintain the riding comfort offered by the stock 14" tires.

For these particular rims, however, security was the added value. Sammy said the bolt nuts of these rims were of the rare flower-type design—extremely difficult for tire-jackers to remove.

"I compare tires and rims with women's shoes. A car that has huge rims is like a woman wearing a stiletto *(hayop sa dating)* but someone that just can't run any-

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BETTER-LOOKING Isuzu Crosswind

New Isuzu Philippines website launched

THE NEW look of the IPC website

By Charles E. Buban

ISUZU PHILIPPINES CORP. (IPC) HAS launched its new and improved website aimed primarily at the automaker's loyal customers who grew up with the brand as it evolved from a maker of practical cargo haulers into a producer of lifestyle vehicles—otherwise known as Generation Isuzu.

Completely revised to improve accessibility, the www.isuzuphil.com aims to attract novice and veteran Web surfers alike, focusing on usability and accessibility.

"IPC is aware that Generation Isuzu has also grown up with computers and the Internet. This is why the company developed a more sophisticated and user-friendly website to cater to our loyal as well as prospective computer-savvy customers," said IPC VP for corporate business Arthur Balmadrid.

Improved features

Balmadrid revealed that the new website features a more attractive design with improved interactive features, including videos and animation.

"When designing the Isuzuphil.com, we have both considered local and international Internet users.

Isuzuphil.com offers a wealth of information about IPC as a corporation, reflecting the company's role as responsible partner to its customers and the community including the company's global thrust of developing products designed and engineered with employing its Safety, Economy, Environment (See) technology, an Isuzu global thrust to promote the superiority of its direct injection diesel engine.

News and features about Isuzu events, product launches and promos will likewise be posted at the Isuzuphil.com website.

2006 Crosswind variants

Together with the website launch, IPC president Yoshifumi Komura and VP for dealer network division Ken Takashima announced the launch of the five variants of the 2006 Crosswind Asian-utility vehicle (AUV).

All the latest variants share a 2.5-liter diesel engine equipped with an air optimizer fuel system for more engine reliability and efficiency.

On the other hand, leading variants Sportivo and XUVi boasts of a best in its category entertainment system that features a single disc, in-dash DVD/music CD/MP3 player with FM/AM tuner, remote control, six speakers, dual seven-inch wide-screen LCD monitors (mounted on the driver and front-passenger seat headrests, and a universal iPod ready MP3 player adaptor socket.

The 2006 Crosswind also sports an underside deflector, backup sensors, rear-door mounted third brake lamp (XT variant) and roof rail.

"With the new website, prospective buyers can view the exterior and interior features of these latest Isuzu Crosswind variants, print out its specifications for comparison and reference as well as how to get in touch with a dealer," said Komura.

The 2006 Crosswind variants are priced from P725,000 (for the manual XL) to P1.085 million for top-of-the-line automatic Sportivo.

Consider the costs

MY DRIFT

Andre Palma

LET THE ARGUMENTS BEGIN. OK, OK, I understand that the laurel of the perfect automobile can go to as many cars as there are motorists making the decision. Human beings, even the most obsessive-compulsive consumer watchdogs, are subject to personal preferences.

We need not go further than the very people who write about cars, as I will admit an inclination for certain types of vehicles with specific characteristics. In fact, let's use the word "type" with a little more license as I like mine petite, sophisticated and rather peppy. Hence the 1.3-liter hatch in my garage as of the moment.

It is when we begin to introduce certain factors, like economic conditions or political instability, that personal preference gives in to plain practicality. We've all been in those "cost no object" or "money not an issue" arguments, where we let our imaginations ride roughshod over our fiscal realities. Hold that thought.

Retail price

Obviously there is the retail price that we all must deal with. Yes, I really mean "all of us." Since outside of the standard discounts at the dealerships, this writer buys vehicles and pays for services at the same rate as everyone else.

Readers must be either aghast at my stupidity or shocked about the cold reality of the motoring beat. While my colleagues abroad spend their 30 pieces of silver on their next European thoroughbred (meaning they've already got one), I happily take my six-hundredths (6/100ths) of a piece of silver and plan on what high-octane gasoline to splurge on.

Hidden expenses

Once over the initial sticker price of a car, it is now high-time to start calculating the hidden expenses of automotive ownership. My biggest piece of advice to those seeking to own their dream cars, exotic or not, is to measure the real monetary costs.

Maintenance and spares must factor themselves into the financial equation as these start becoming mechanical necessities soon enough. It is true that strict adherence to a repair and maintenance schedule will save you more money in the future, but what if the cost of keeping your car in good working order is already masochistic in itself?

"Parts and service costs are all relative to the price of the vehicle you purchase," is the line I keep getting from people who insist on justifying repairs and service that when totaled, often cost more than an old, secondhand car.

Case in point, a single 16-inch wheel from a leading Japanese brand's 2.4-liter flagship sedan was quoted at P49,000 while an old quirky and quaint, early '70s "café rally racer" (as is where is) will set you back much less than that. Imagine what a set of wheels from an Italian steed or Nurburgring rocket will cost? Probably almost as much as a secondhand, late '90s family sedan. Go figure.

Depreciation is another issue not absolutely ingrained in the minds of the Filipino, especially those wanting to sell their cars. Why don't people understand that the moment your car drives out the showroom floor, that it is already worth much, much less than if it were brand-new? I say at least 20 percent should be lopped off the price of anything that has remotely seen asphalt other than the stockyard or dealership parking lot.

Brand dependent

A bigger and more important issue is the public's insistence that depreciation is brand dependent. Come on, you know what I mean. Just because a brand had a bad manufacturing spell in the late '60s or early '70s does not mean that this fact holds true to this very day. Newsflash: vehicles from this volatile marquee have stopped combusting a very, very long time ago.

This argument also works in the other direction as I personally cannot understand why a certain brand of European luxury car unnaturally holds its relative value over the years. Even this marquee's staunchest devotees talk of the brand's decline in quality and performance, specially when compared to the cars that were made before the early '90s. So intoxicated are many by this brand that they are blind to the reports of poor build quality and lousy workmanship in the world automotive press. It's that hood ornament, I tell you, nothing else.

All I ask is that the motoring public take time to look at what's happening around them, especially in this time of increasing cost and expense. Let's take a moment or two to think about the world of cars around us. Once we see beyond the comfortable status quo, then maybe some changes for the better will occur. If only cars grew on trees, cost nothing to maintain and held their value forever. Since they don't, it seems only prudent that we take time to mull our little mess.

Individualistic i-swing; amazing Volvo race

FULL TANK

Al Mendoza

AS I SAID A WHILE BACK, THE i-swing is Toyota's latest wonder vehicle displayed prominently in the recent 39th Tokyo Motor Show. It was a breakthrough invention in that thousands ogled at it daily for nearly two weeks as though it were dropped from the skies or from another planet.

Watanabe-san, president of Toyota Motor Co., drove it to the stage to address a large audience thrice-twice at the Makuhari Messe, venue of the Motor Show, and another at the Imperial Hotel during the stand-up Toyota dinner with the world's global motoring journalists numbering nearly 300.

The i-swing is a new personal mobility vehicle that allows drivers to express their individuality.

A single-person vehicle, the i-swing's low resistance urethane body is covered in cloth to soften any impact while operating near people.

When used to travel in a bustling street full of people, the i-swing can operate in a two-wheeled mode that takes up little space so that it is possible to travel while keeping pace and talking with someone on foot.

When there is a need to move quickly, the i-swing can change to a three-wheeled mode, which is fun to travel in. In addition to the stick control, a pedal control can be used to provide a fresh cornering feeling, as you shift your body weight as if you were on skis.

The i-swing proposes the concept of using A.I. communication to enable it to grow, learning the habits and preferences of users by storing relevant data about them.

This is a futuristic vehicle and that will really be the day when it's finally with us.

Or will it be our grandchildren who will benefit from this magic vehicle?

Only Toyota can tell.

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The Volvo Ocean Race is off and sailing.

With seven teams entered, the ninth edition of the race, including the Australian team, Premier Challenge, sailed off on Nov. 5 in Sanxenxo, Galicia, Spain, with a bang from a cannon fired by the Swedish ship Götheborg. This replica of an 18th century East Indiaman vessel also had the honor of firing the starting signal for the beginning of Leg 1 on Nov. 12 from the neighboring port of Vigo.

The in-port race, which is a new edition to the Volvo Ocean Race, saw the powerful Volvo Open 70's making their racing debut when they race together as a fleet around an in-shore course set in the Ria de Pontevedra between Sanxenxo, Cap Udra and the Isles Cies.

Many of the world's top sailors will be taking part, from five-time Olympic medalist Torben Grael (BRA) skippering Brasil 1, to four-time round the world race competitor Bouwe Bekking (NED), who will be the man in-charge of the Spanish entry Movistar.

Swedish entry Ericsson Racing Team has a talented sailor at the wheel in Britain's Neal McDonald. Bolstering McDonald's afterguard is Illbruck skipper John Kostecki (USA).

Four-time America's Cup competitor is Paul Cayard (USA) is back in search of glory, leading the team of Pirates on The Black Pearl.

Mike Sanderson (NZ) also combines America's Cup experience as he skippers the highly talented team onboard Abn Amro One in tandem with Sebastien Josse (FRA), who will be steering Abn Amro Two.

The Volvo Ocean Race is a round the world yacht race featuring nine offshore legs, sailed over 31,250 nautical miles.

The 2005-2006 event is expected to draw $50 million in media-value exposure, which equates to a 200-300 percent return on Volvo's sponsorship investment. In the Volvo Ocean Race of 2001-2002, it achieved a cumulative audience of over 800-million viewers, ranking it among the top international sporting events of the decade.

Volvo, handled in Manila by Viking Cars Inc., has showrooms in Makati, Pasig City, Cebu and Mandaue. Volvo, like me the dream car of my boss Letty Jimenez-Magsanoc, can be reached at 893-6621 to 22, or 637-0414 to 17.

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QUOTE ME. A flashlight in the car will always come in handy, especially when driving at night.

Project Civic is 'pimp my ride for a cause'

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where," he explained.

Sammy added that using rims isn't all about show. The design of the rims should match the new look of the car, he said. "If you go back to the basics with nice clean lines you still achieve a cool look."

Not bone-jarring shocks

But what good are nice shoes if she doesn't have nice, sturdy legs? And it is with this philosophy that Arvin Lim operates.

Arvin is the go-to guy when it comes to durable, roadworthy springs and shock absorbers. He carries the Bilstein and the H&R brand. He installed H&R OE Sport Springs on the Civic, which dropped the car's ride height by a mere 0.75" (front and rear). Arvin explained that this drop would be considered negligible, as the original Civic springs were already worn down with age. The H&R springs are progressive in design. Part of the spring coils are wound closer together at the top portion.

Said Arvin: "These 'dead coils' as we call them are fully compressed upon installation and serve to absorb the small bumps on the ride of the vehicle, increasing your ride comfort. This set is a good replacement for sagging original springs on any vehicle where applicable as it does not drop the ride height so much but improves ride comfort and handling."

A set of Bilstein Sport Gas Pressure Shock Absorbers were also installed on my Civic to match the H&R springs. Compared to the mushy ride of the original 8-year-old Civic EK shocks, the Bilstein shocks generate a firmer ride and greatly enhance the damping characteristics of the car's suspension.

Arvin explained that this would give my Civic a more stable ride, especially at higher speeds on open roads, and better control of the car even under extreme ride conditions.

The H&R Springs sell for P13,500 a set. The Bilstein Sport Shocks retail at P7,500, or P30,000 per set of four.

Arvin's springs and sports shocks can be checked at Arvin's Makna Marketing Corp.(wilman@skyinet.net), third floor, 151 Quezon Ave., Sta. Mesa Heights, Quezon City..

'Turn around bright eyes'

A body to drive for, the wheels to keep on rolling, and springs and shocks even my real momma would love. Next up for a makeover were this *lola*'s fading eyes. It was high time to chuck the reading glasses and turn up the intensity on those Civic's headlights. And in the business of specialized headlights, no one could literally outshine Benedict Go and his High Intensity Discharge Xenon Bulbs.

Benedict, or "Bene" as he is fondly called by bright-eyed patrons, is the president of Hummer Philippines and the authorized distributor of Xenon Bulbs in the country. The youngest in this A-list of aftermarket specialists, Bene and I quite a long time ago had a disagreement on the necessity of such high-intensity headlights, when normal stock headlights would do for normal driving.

After explaining the science and the proper installation and angling of the HiD lamps, I was convinced to have my bulbs replaced with Xenon, on the condition that it would not cause undue glare to oncoming motorists but would still be elevated enough for me to see well ahead enough of my path.

The only downside of the HiD system is its prohibitive price, which explains why only high-end automobiles are equipped with Xenon bulbs. Bene reasons that the price is still reasonable in the long run. "When you consider the improved visibility during nighttime driving and the increased level of safety, the price takes a back seat," he relates. "The local market is gradually realizing the benefits of an HiD system."

The price of an HiD system ranges from P16,000 for the entry level WRC bulbs, P24,000 for the Taiwan-made ballast powered Helios HiD, to as high as P48,000 for the generation II ballast-equipped Philips HiD with a bulb made from a quartz crystal. All three types of xenon bulbs are now equipped with the innovative generation II type ballast that emits a powerful beam of bright light.

My Civic's HiD system costs P22,000.

Bene's Xenon showroom is at 318 G. Araneta Ave., Quezon City. The website is www.xenon-bulbs.com.

An 'Xplosion' of sound

My Honda was now ready to walk the walk, but could it "talk the talk"? Such serious-looking modifications entailed a serious-sounding audio system, as well. And this was where Sony came in.

Using Sony's comeback product Xplod to highlight my audio entertainment setup, the tandem of Julie Gamboa of Key Largo, distributor of Xplod, and Gerry Chua of G-Audio (www.gaudioph.com) rocked the Civic's audio system. Julie provided the vaunted Sony hardware, while Gerry designed, installed and fine-tuned the Xplod system in my car.

The silver amplifier and front speaker were both high-end units of Sony Xplod. The red amplifier and the huge speaker at the back, meanwhile, were both entry-level equipment of Sony. The subwoofer occupied nearly half of my trunk. I literally could launch my own impromptu street party at the mere opening of my car's trunk.

For all you spec-freaks, here's the breakdown from Gerry's notes: The Sony CDX-S2210 (CD/MP3 head unit)- P9,200; Sony Xplod LS-1225P (12 inches subwoofer for that deep bass) at P4,800; Sony Xplod at 6.5 inches separate for front speakers pegged at P9,000; Sony Xplod xs-v1630a (6.5 inches coaxial speakers for the rear fill) at P3,500; Sony Xplod-XM-D500X (mono amp, which drives the subwoofer) at P14,500; Sony Xplod XM-D504Z (4-channel amplifier that drives the front and rear speakers)-P9,200.

"Xplod can compete with the likes of JVC, Kenwood, Pioneer, and Alpine car systems," Gerry said.

Gerry's G-Audio is located at 4735 Old Sta Mesa corner V. Mapa Streets, Sta. Mesa, Manila. Call 716-1276 and 713-1220 or e-mail gaudio@pldtdsl.net.

For some added privacy and protection against the heat of the sun, Julie threw in her own 3M dark tint, and for added protection from car thieves, she also installed a Viper Alarm on my Civic.

For the final touch, Thule EGR on Chino Roces Avenue installed four window visors and a rear visor that added to the total look of a hot momma of a car.

Pay it forward?

There was the finished product, and the actual cost of "renovations" was determined. There was just one problem, though. The Project Civic team members didn't want to accept my payment. But seeing the efforts they put in, not to mention the slight depletion of their stocks because of this "fun" project of ours, I decided to come up with a payment solution that would have everyone come out winners with a clean conscience.

The total cost of the whole project ran up to P230,000. My payment scheme, upon the team's consent, would be for me to go to three cause-oriented institutions of my choice, and donate that amount to these institutions in monthly installments.

So, while enjoying my revitalized Civic, I pondered on which institutions to donate to. A most logical criterion would be to choose institutions that cared for the most vulnerable road users: children. Unicef automatically came to mind, and so I decided to donate a total amount of P100,000 (via postdated checks and

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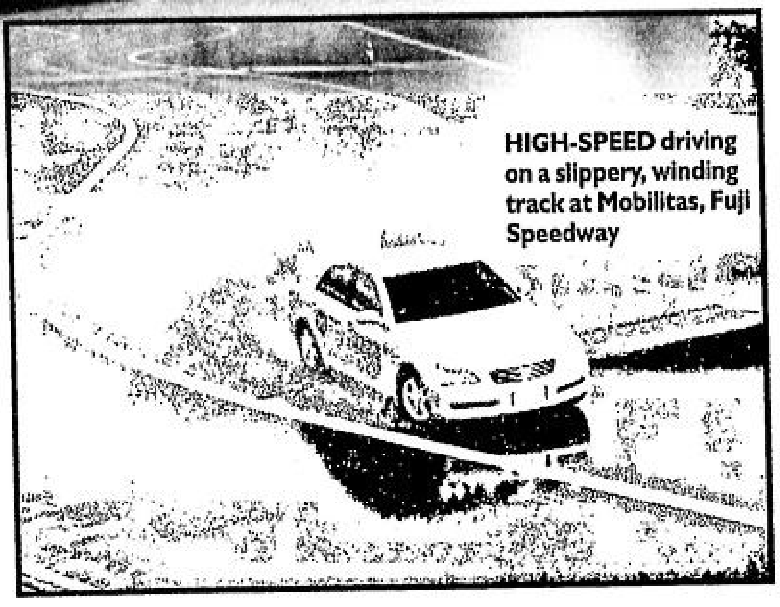
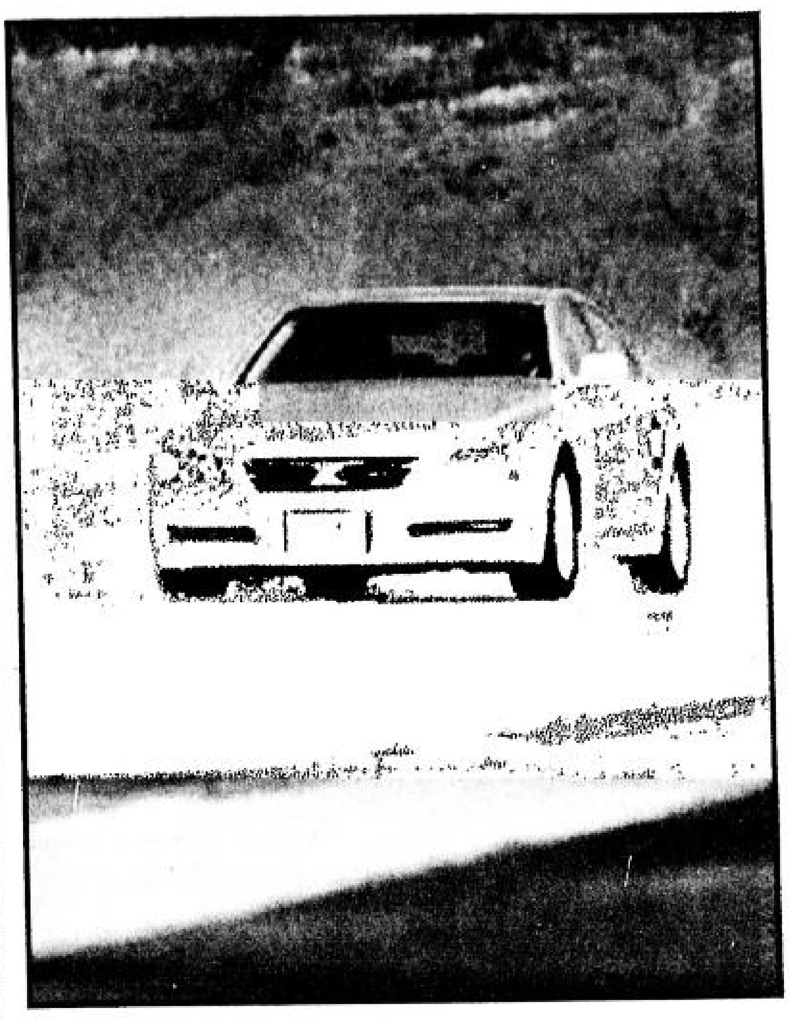
THE 6-CYLINDER Mark X is the training car at Toyota's Mobilitas Safety Education Course, Fuji Speedway



HIGH-SPEED driving on a slippery, winding track at Mobilitas, Fuji Speedway



SUDDEN braking at high speed on a slippery surface at Mobilitas

Toyota's Mobilitas: a pictorial

ON THE ROAD

Aida Sevilla-Mendoza

SINCE ONE PICTURE IS WORTH a thousand words, today's column will have more photos than text. The pictorial features Mobilitas, Toyota's driver training facility at Fuji Speedway, which was for me the most enjoyable part of Toyota Motor Philippines Corp.'s six-day schedule for the media they invited to the 39th Tokyo Motor Show last month.

Located on a 130,000-square-meter lot within the vast Fuji Speedway complex beside the majestic Mount Fuji, Mobilitas carries out the "Promotion of Safe Driving" theme of Toyota. The two other themes are "Promotion of Motorsports," the 40-year-old Fuji Speedway having been recently renovated to obtain FIA's "Grade 1" license, which enables it to host Formula 1 events; and "Dissemination of Information to the Young" whereby Fuji Speedway offers the use of a variety of courses (Short Course, Drift Course and Gymkhana Course) to young motor sport enthusiasts.

Slippery

Luckily for us, the sun was shining on the day we went to the speedway although the top of Mount Fuji was hidden by clouds. After a brief presentation on Fuji Speedway at the Toyota Safety Education Center in Mobilitas, we were brought to the oval track, most of which was kept wet and slippery by sprinklers. Toyota's race drivers showed us the laps we were to take at the wheel of the Mark X V6 sports sedan, five units of which were prepared for our use.

The objective of the test drive was not only to hone our skills in driving/braking at high speed on slippery surfaces, but also to experience the antilock brake system (ABS) and vehicle stability control (VSC) safety technologies of the Mark X. Each of us was allowed two runs: on the first run, with the ABS/VSC switched off, we were to drive at 50 kph, brake abruptly upon reaching a yellow pylon and turn the steering wheel to the right. Then we were to segue to driving at 50 kph on a winding, low-friction course back to the starting point. With the ABS/VSC off, the car swerved uncontrollably on the wet surface as expected.

Faster

But when we did the second run with the ABS/VSC switched on, the Mark X came to a complete stop much faster, followed the direction of the steering wheel and did not spin or swerve on the winding, wet course back to the starting point.

Before the slippery condition driving sequence, the Toyota race drivers took us for a spin on the 35-degree bank of the oval, stopped at one point and demonstrated how to safely and easily leave a car perched precariously sideways at a steep angle. Simple: exit through a door on the lower side.

Flying colors

Another sequence of the test drive, this time on a dry surface, had each of us driving the Mark X at 100 kph through another twisting course and then, upon reaching a designated pylon, immediately braking. Again, the Mark X's ABS/VSC passed the test with flying colors.

My only regret: the Toyota Mark X is sold only in Japan and has no plans of coming to the Philippines.

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TODAY'S BUMPER STICKER: Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal.

WITH MOTOBE-SAN, one of Toyota's test drivers at Mobilitas

Project Civic. . .

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pledges running from the present to the year 2010) to Unicef's scholarship project for sampaguita vendors in the Philippines. The amount would be enough to keep as much as 192 street children off the roads and in the schools.

The next beneficiary would be a health institution (which refused to be named in this story) that treats sick children. This organization would receive P50,000 starting 2006 to 2010. Then, starting this month, victims of the Pakistan earthquake will also be receiving P30,000 worth of aid (also via Unicef paid in staggered amounts).

The remaining P50,000 will go to the hardworking Philippine-based Animal Kingdom Foundation Inc., a British- and Filipino-led group that aims to end dog meat trading in the Philippines. I dedicate this donation to my late Piggy—my cranky old dog who scratched and slept and dented my old Civic and the one who probably started this cycle of giving and pimping single-pawedly.

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Hyundai Sonata honored with safety excellence award

By Charles E. Buban

SOUTH KOREA'S HYUNDAI HAS MADE incredible strides in terms of quality. Its Sonata recently won the Automotive Excellence in Safety award, presented by the leading American automotive magazine Popular Mechanics.

Popular Mechanics' editorial staff selected the luxury sedan after driving more than 100 different new cars, trucks and sport utility vehicles (SUVs).

"The Sonata truly merits the Popular Mechanics Automotive Excellence Award for safety because it offers a full complement of both active and passive safety features as standard equipment in every model," said Don Chaikin, the magazine's automotive editor, in a statement. "By expanding the universe of automotive safety from the luxury end of the market to the very affordable, every-man end, the Sonata has broken new ground and crushed what amounted to very real market barriers."

The inaugural automotive excellence award was announced in the October edition of the magazine.

Strong inroads

"Its success in capturing the award in such a fiercely competitive American market demonstrates the strong inroads the brand is making in that market," said Fe Agudo, managing director of Hyundai Asia Resources Inc. (Hari), the exclusive distributor of the vehicle in the Philippines.

The key features cited for conferring the award include driver and passenger front airbags; front side airbags; front and rear curtain airbags; active front head restraints; electronic stability program; ABS with electronic brakeforce distribution; three three-point rear seatbelts and Rear Isofix child seat mounts.

Agudo said safety is of paramount importance to car manufacturers and motorists. "The award for excellence bestowed on the Sonata is a wonderful recognition of how Hyundai delivers the highest safety provisions not as expensive options, but fitted as standard."

In the Philippines, the Sonata is offered as a five-seater mid-size luxury sedan equipped with a 3.3-liter engine and five-speed automatic transmission (priced at P1.43 million).

Specially honored

In a statement, Bob Cosmai, president and CEO of Hyundai Motor America, said the all-new Sonata celebrates Hyundai's commitment to lead the auto industry in the standard application of the most effective safety technologies.

In the United States, the Sonata is the best-selling sedan in the Hyundai product line.

Last March, Hyundai's all-new manufacturing plant in Montgomery, Alabama rolled off the first batches of Sonata's 2006 model, which is designed to meet the needs of the American consumer.

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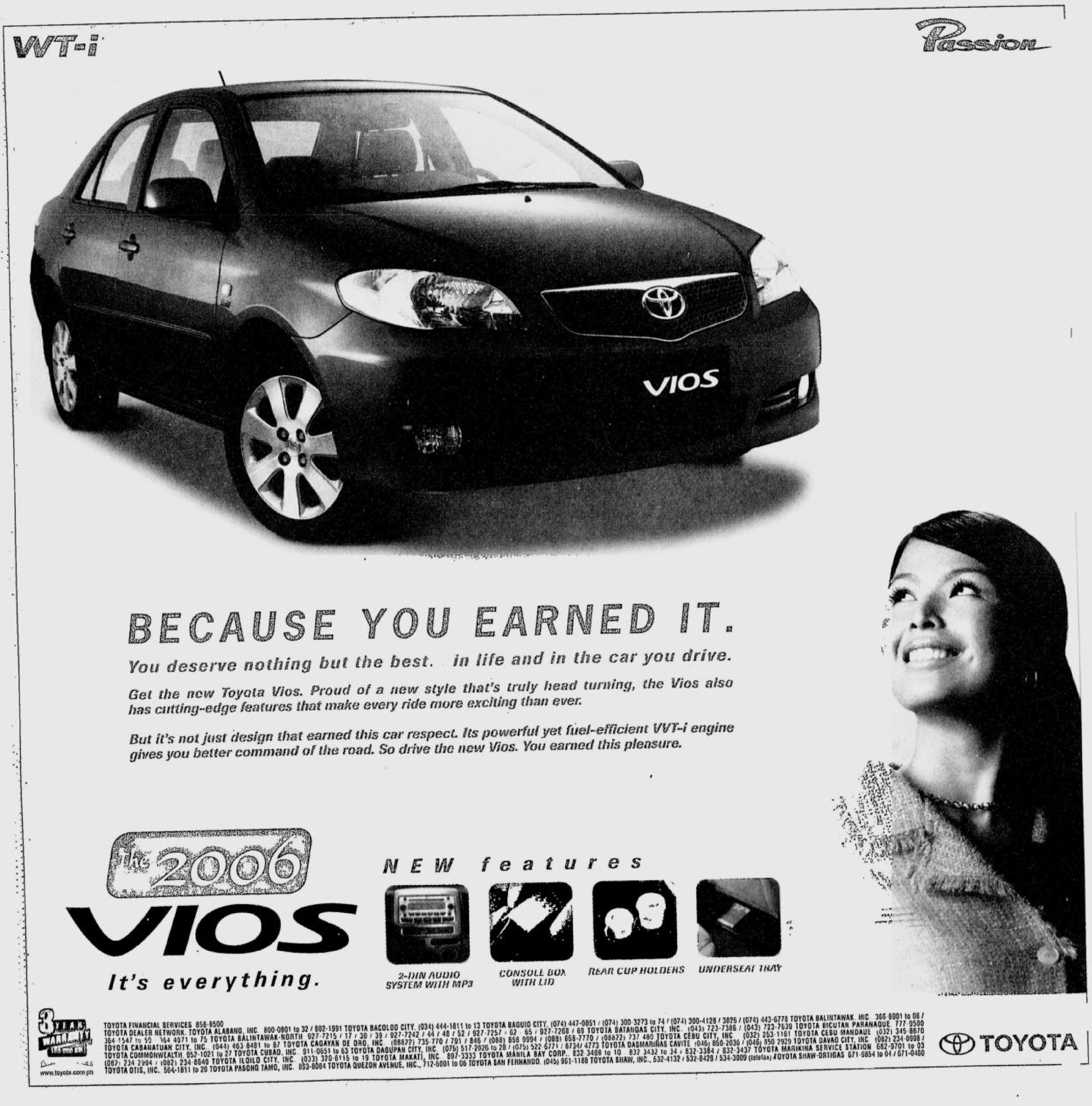

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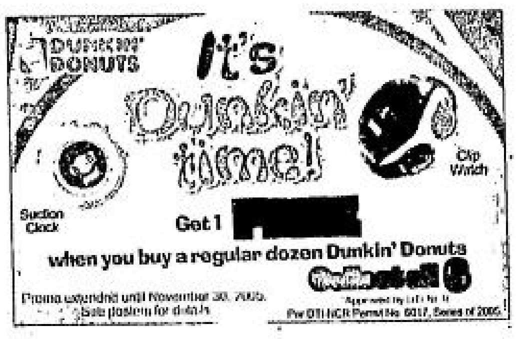
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TILDA Swinton as Jadis the White Witch in the much-anticipated movie, "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"

THE FOUR Pevensie children

NARNIA fever

SO YOU'RE WATCHING 'HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET of Fire' today (if you scored tickets, at least). But what will your fantasy-thirsty mind have to look forward to when the Triwizard Tournament is over?

Plenty. On top of that list is "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," the film that brings C.S. Lewis' children's classic to life.

2bU! visited Weta Studios in New Zealand and found out how Richard Taylor and his crew added more magic to this already enchanting story. We also have stories on books, websites and trivia that would keep you on a Narnia high for the next few weeks. You might want to join The Philippine Order of Narnians. We'll tell you exactly how—in this week's magic-packed 2bU! issue

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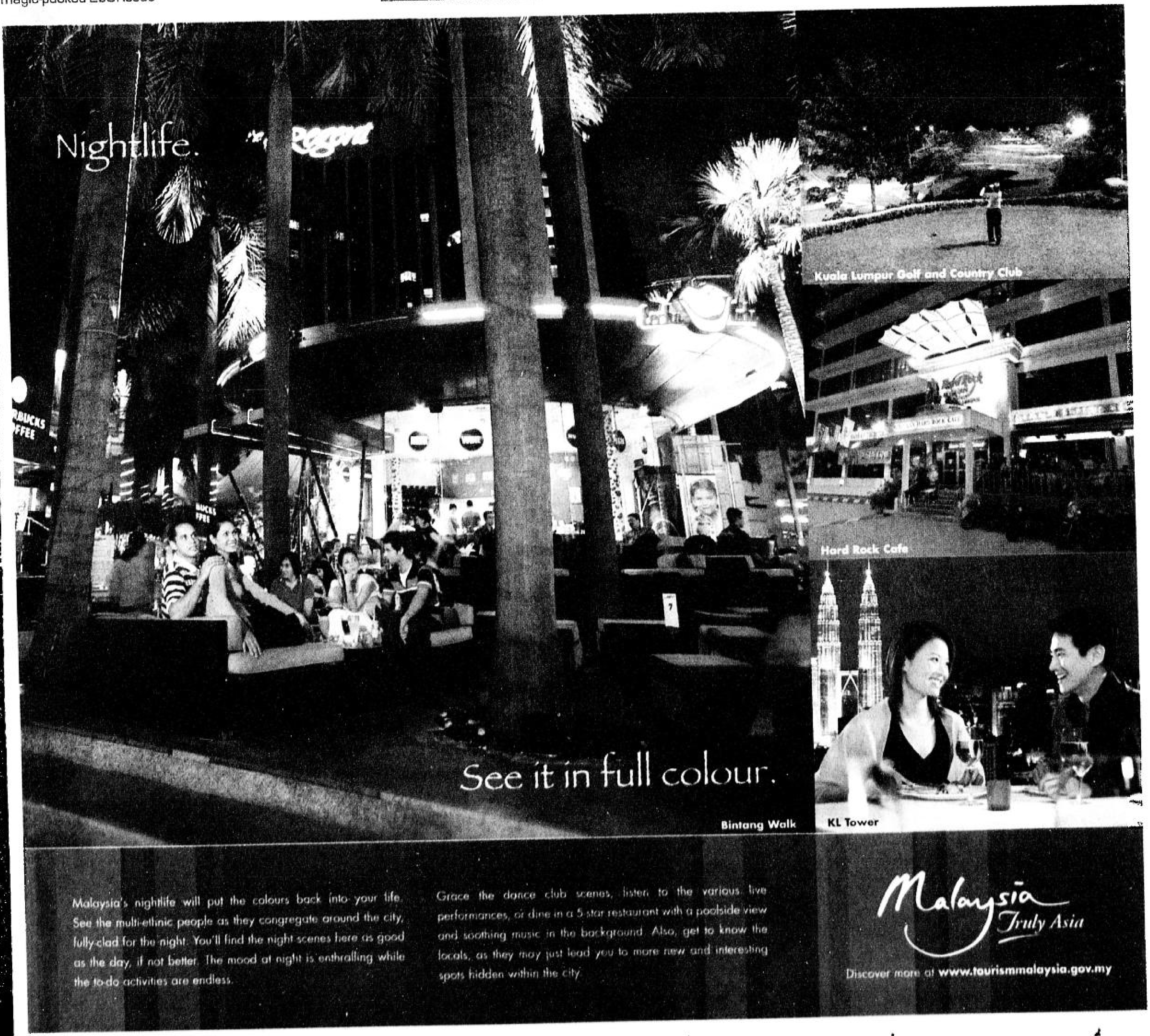
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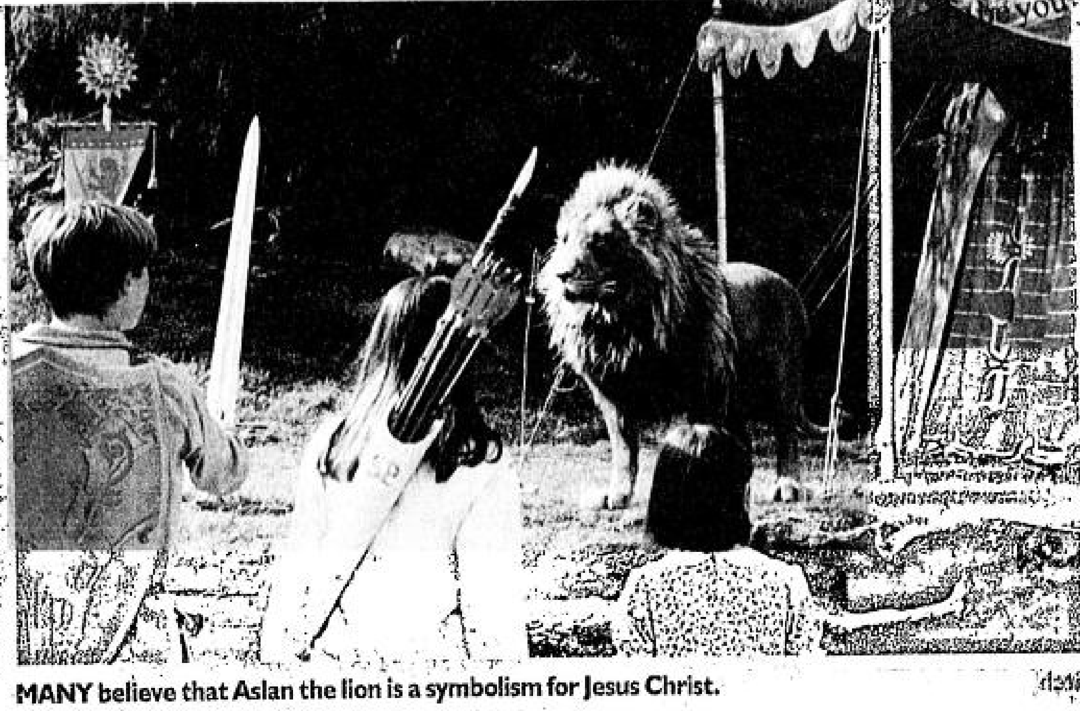

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IT TOOK 220 drawings before the final look of the White Witch was decided.

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WELCOME to Weta Workshop

THE SCULPTURE room

COOL COLLECTIBLES. "The Chronicles of Narnia" maquettes made by Weta

BEAUTIFUL Aslan and White Witch bookends

2BU! EXCLUSIVE

The lion, the witch

By Pam Pastor

WELLINGTON, NEW Zealand—"Come on in," Richard Taylor said, leading a pack of journalists who had flown in from all over the world for a tour of his Weta Workshop.

Weta, named after an insect that is found primarily in New Zealand, was established by Richard and his partner Tania Rodger 16 years ago. They had been active in the business for a number of years, but it was their work on the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy that did more than just put the spotlight on them. It also earned them an Oscar.

The award is well deserved. After all, Taylor and his crew worked on the trilogy for seven years and made a whopping 48,000 props for the films.

"The blessing that came to us in the form of 'Lord of the Rings' was incredible for a young group of film technicians. 'Lord of the Rings' was a pivotal point. It stamped New Zealand onto the world's map. And the Oscar award was an exclamation mark. But you get past the award and you're back at the beginning of another job," he said.

Now comes another daunting challenge after "The Lord of the Rings": working on the highly anticipated movie adaptation of C.S. Lewis' beloved classic, "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe."

The movie follows the adventures of the four Pevensie siblings—Susan, Peter, Edmund and Lucy (played by Anna Popplewell, William Moseley, Skandar Keynes and Georgie Henley), as they step through an old wardrobe and into a new world called Narnia.

Director Andrew Adamson, most popularly known for his work on "Shrek," required the services of the Weta team to create movie magic by providing the design of the creatures, cultures, insignias, heraldry, weapons and environmental pieces.

"To have Andrew call out of the blue and tell us that we might have the opportunity to work on another great piece of English literature of the same period was an incredible and amazing thing that we never thought would strike twice in our careers," said Taylor.

It took 110 Weta workers to finish everything they had to do for "The Lion." Taylor and his team provided an inside look at the work they did for Narnia during the tour of their studios.

Montage

After a quick introduction, Taylor screened a montage of the work Weta had done in the past years. Soft gasps could be heard in the dim boardroom as people recognized familiar scenes from popular movies. You may not know it, but chances are you've already appreciated the wizardry of Weta on the big screen or on DVD. The studio's work can be seen in, among many others, "Master and Commander," "Hellboy," "Van Helsing," "The Last Samurai" and "Peter Pan."

Save for the countless movie memorabilia all over the place, it was hard to believe at first that so much film fantasy and enchantment had been created in the modest-looking Weta Workshop. But magic does happen there.

First stop was the Merchandising Area where collectibles were on display. The Aslan and White Witch bookends were especially beautiful. Taylor then led the group to the Chainmaille section where he explained how Weta has managed to come up with its own easier and more effective process of creating quality chainmaille. Weta can now supply chainmaille to TV, movie and stage companies.

Next stops were the Design Department (which Taylor called Weta's nerve center), Welding Bay and Studio, the previous projects display area, the Sculpting Room and the Molding and Casting Room.

A lot of time was spent at the Weapons Wall, with Taylor demonstrating the logic behind the dimensions and the materials used for each weapon in "Narnia." The team had included motifs and details that were significant to the characters and what they stood for.

"C.S. Lewis drew from an amazing collaborative world of mythological culture. We used that as an inspiration. Every single motif you can see is representative of a certain piece of writing that C.S. Lewis did," Taylor explained.

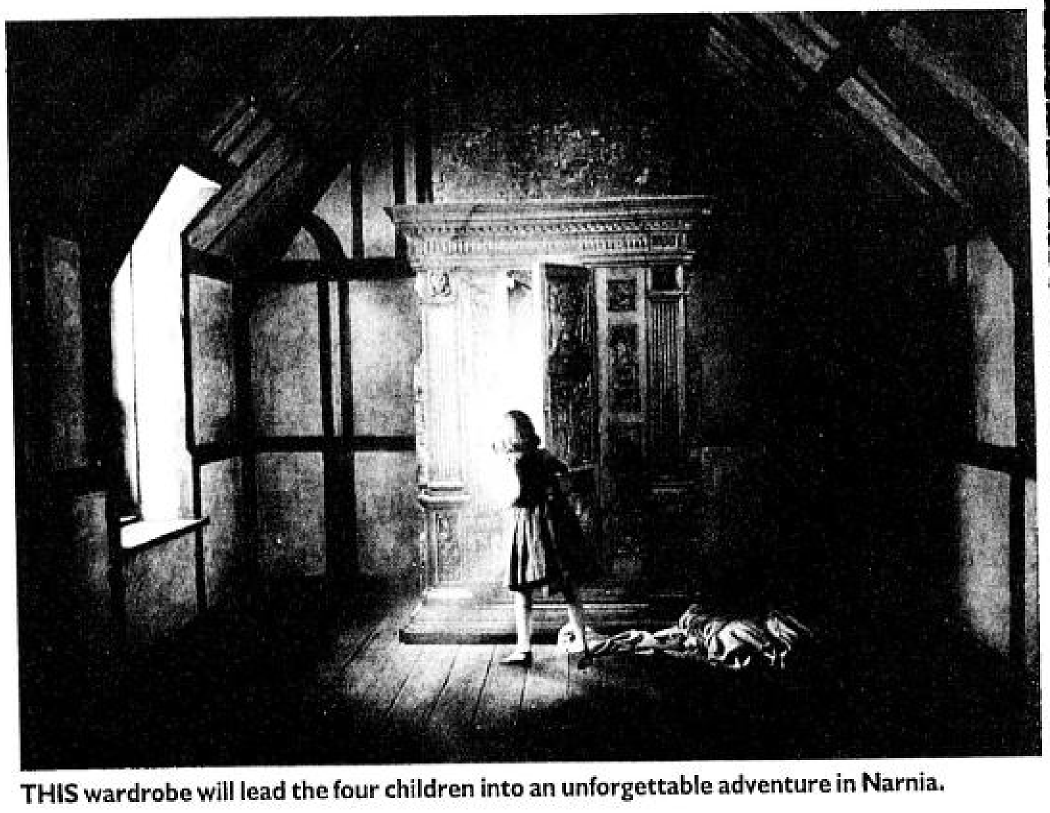
Most difficulty

But it's not as simple as it sounds. It took 220 drawings before they decided on the look of their White Witch. But even that was beaten by the Centaur, the creature that gave them the most difficulty. Still, Taylor speaks of the half-man, half-horse with a tinge of affection.

"What an amazing opportunity to design what is arguably the most well-known mythological creature. They can fight like no one you've ever seen."

Weta also faced another big issue. "The children grew at an alarming rate. We ended up making this boy's armor three times," he said, patting a statue wearing an impressive armor of red and silver.

Of that extraordinary attention to every tiny detail, "Some people say, isn't that too fanatical? No one will see it," said Taylor. "But if movies are taken seriously by the people who make them, they're taken seriously by the people who watch



THIS wardrobe will lead the four children into an unforgettable adventure in Narnia.

A CHUNK of the Weta tour was spent discussing swords and weapons.

A MAQUETTE for King Kong the movie

FACE to face with Aslan

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them. [We] never short-change a client. Our greatest wish is for the audience to enjoy it."

When asked to compare the work they did for "Lord of the Rings" and for Narnia, Taylor said, "'Lord of the Rings' was three times bigger in scale, but our effort for Narnia required more intensity because of the lack of time. We worked on Narnia for just under three years, as opposed to Lord of the Ring's seven years."

Taylor ultimately credits Weta's success to the attitude of his crew. "In New Zealand, there is a culture of can-do mentality. The young people we ultimately have the benefit of working with throw themselves at any task. The trick for Tania and I is to make them realize that no matter how small the focus of the work, every single thread that they weave into the tapestry of the film is an important endeavor. And if they leave a thread out, of course in turn, the tapestry will be threadbare."

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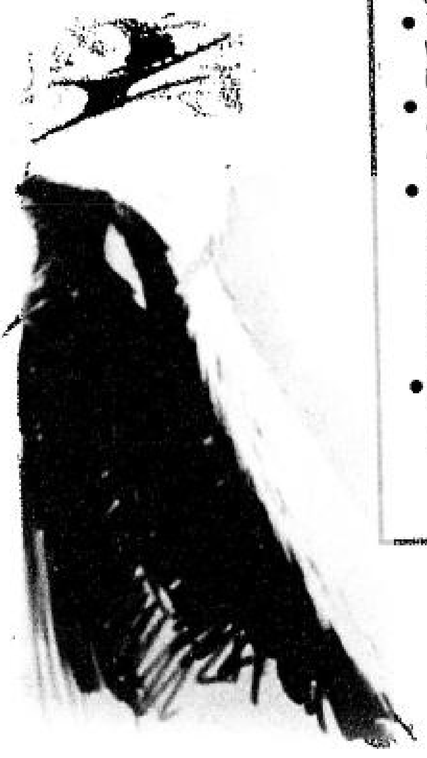

A CONCEPT for the White Witch

How to become a Narnia know-it-all

Or at least sound like one

WE FLEXED OUR GOOGLING, reading and digging muscles to find Narnia trivia that you can amaze (or annoy) your friends with.

- There has always been controversy about the order the books are to be read. C.S. Lewis wrote the books in the following order: "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," "Prince Caspian," "The Voyage of the Dawn Treader," "The Horse and His Boy," "The Silver Chair," "The Last Battle" and "The Magician's Nephew."
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- But C.S. Lewis wanted them read in this order: "The Magician's Nephew," "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," "The Horse and His Boy," "Prince Caspian," "The Voyage of the Dawn Treader," "The Silver Chair" and "The Last Battle."
- Clives Staples Lewis never liked his name. When he was 4, he went to his mother and said, "I am Jackie." Since then, he was known as Jack to his friends.
- When they were young, C.S. Lewis and his good friend J.R.R. Tolkien, author of "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy, were part of the Inklings, an informal writers' club. The members of this club regularly met at a local pub to discuss story ideas.
- Although Pauline Baynes illustrated all seven books in "The Chronicles of Narnia," she only met C.S. Lewis twice.
- Aslan means "lion" in Turkish.
- There were rumors that Michelle Pfeiffer was offered the role of the White Witch, but she refused because of family obligations. People behind the movie have denied the rumors, however, saying Tilda Swinton was the first choice for the role.
- Co-producer Douglas Gresham is C.S. Lewis' stepson.
- The movie was filmed in New Zealand and the Czech Republic.
- Tilda Swinton, who plays the White Witch, hadn't read the book prior to filming.
- The movie had two fake working titles—"The Hundred Year Winter" and "Paravel."
- Filmmakers asked if they could bring in 12 reindeers to New Zealand to pull the White Witch's sled. The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry did not give them permission, fearing the entry of the potentially deadly Q Fever. Eight wolves were brought in instead for the filming.
- Director Andrew Adamson first read "The Chronicles of Narnia" as an 8-year-old.

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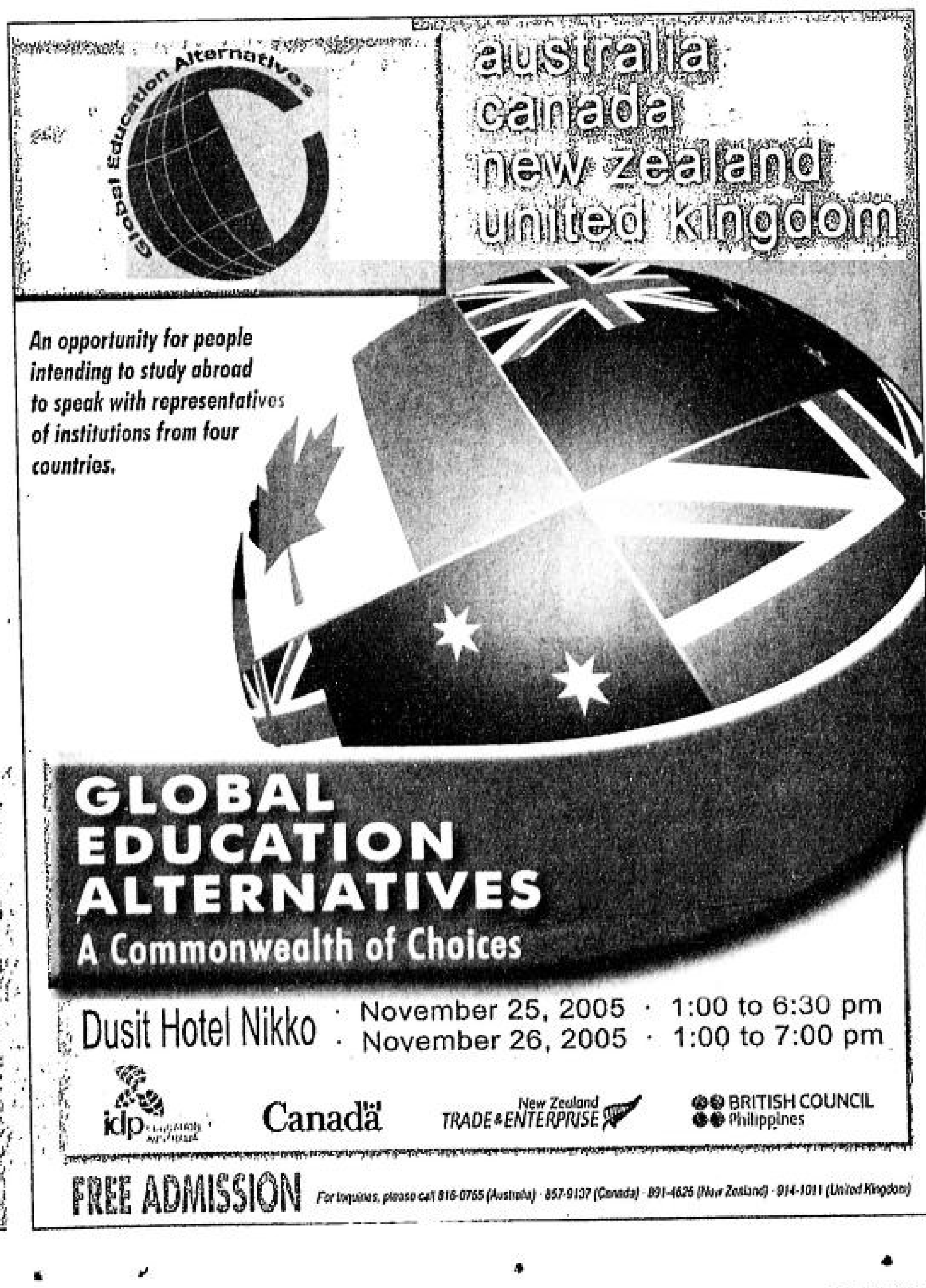

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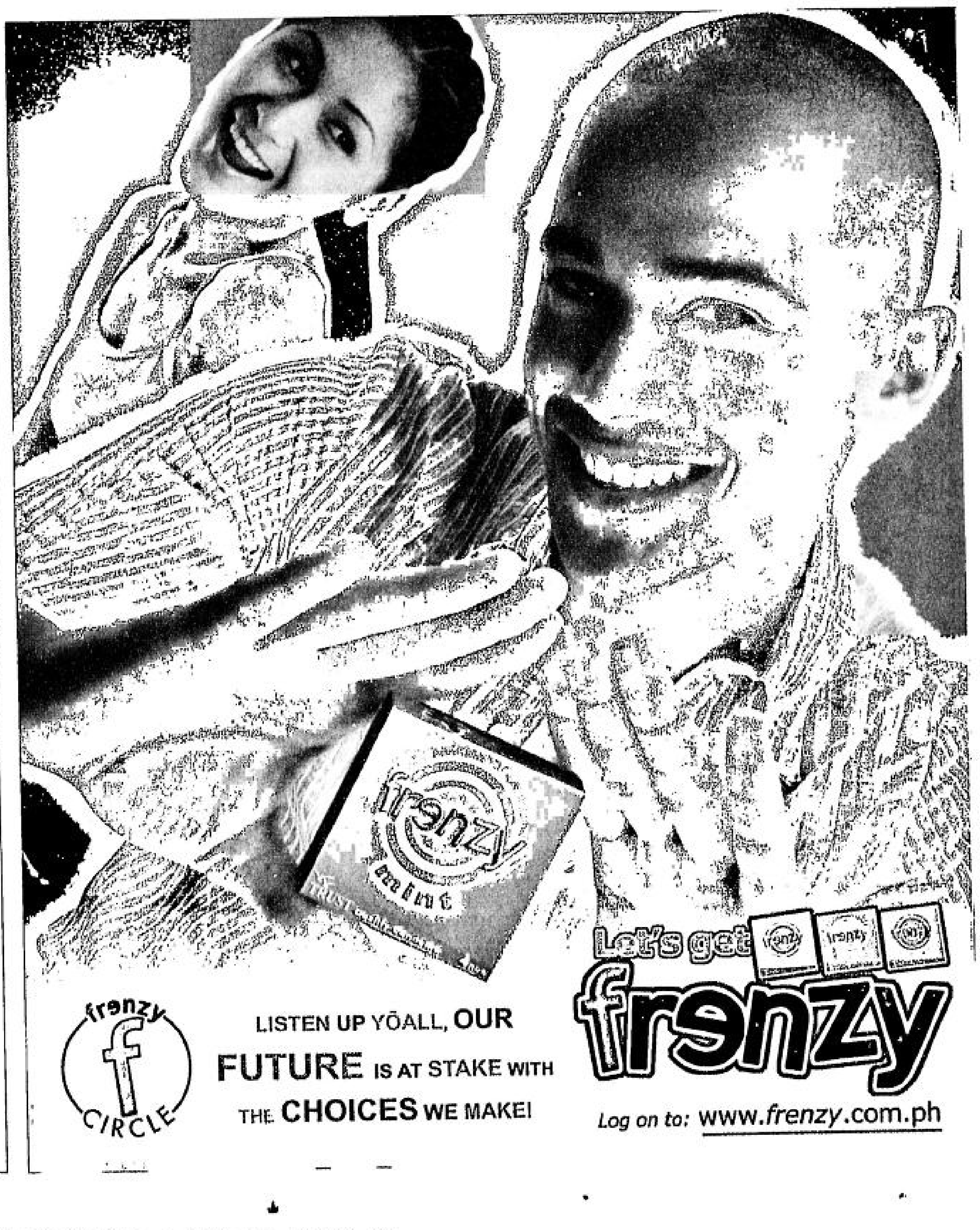

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Narnians of the world, unite!

By Francis Pasion
Contributor

IF YOU LOVE FANTASY STORIES, WHERE dragons spew fire, where animals talk, and where magic rules, you probably have heard of C.S. Lewis' "The Chronicles of Narnia." You also probably even have heard about the Trumpets' stage version of "Narnia's" second book, "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," about three years ago.

It took me years to appreciate fantasy as I do now. And it took four children who discover a magical world in a hidden dusty wardrobe for me to breathe the fresh air of a world where anything could happen.

> The Philippine Order of Narnians is the recognized group of C.S. Lewis fans in the country

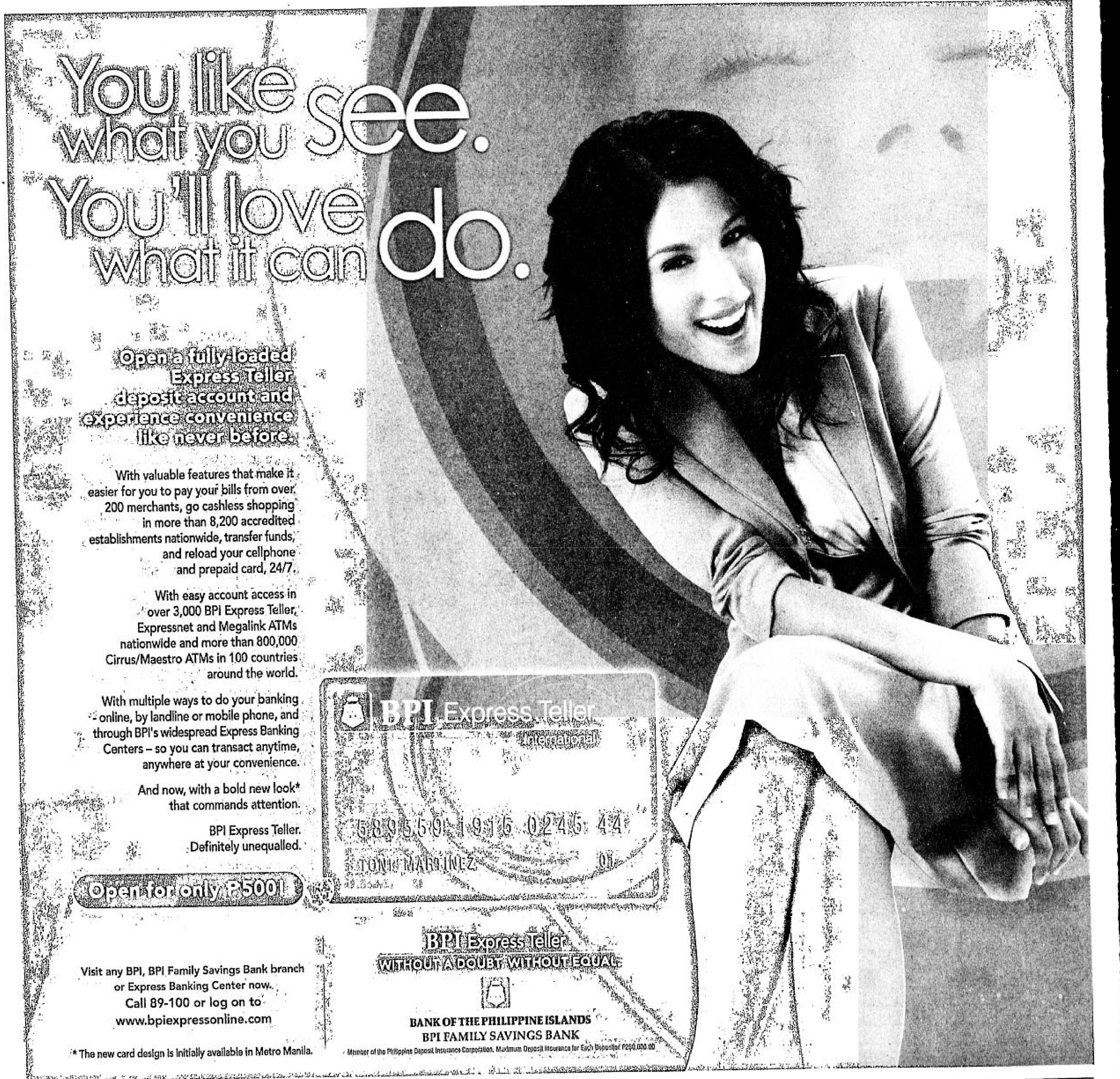
But talk to me about how great fantasy was in high school and I would have said otherwise. I used to cringe at fantasy, dismissing it as a form of escapism, made-up stories that do no good. In Lewis' terminology, I would be one of the boring grownups who blabber about things that don't really count.

But I gave in when I read the "Chronicles of Narnia." The stories kept me turning the pages. There's something interesting about being able to enter a different dimension through your attic and going around the corner of the house and stumbling upon something beyond your imagination.

That was my first introduction to fantasy. There was a comical, real and profound feeling in me that created a longing for such a world to exist. Encountering talking animals, dancing with fauns, and conversing with a great lion were too much for me. But later I discovered that such fantasies are not fantasies at all. They are real in themselves; they are a foretaste of

NARNIANS/ D3

AT ONE of the "summons"



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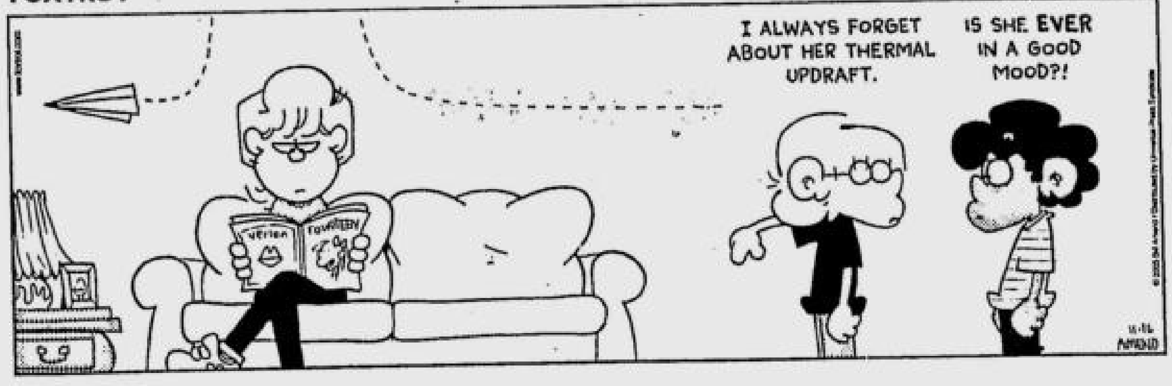
I ALWAYS FORGET ABOUT HER THERMAL UPDRAFT.
IS SHE EVER IN A GOOD MOOD?!
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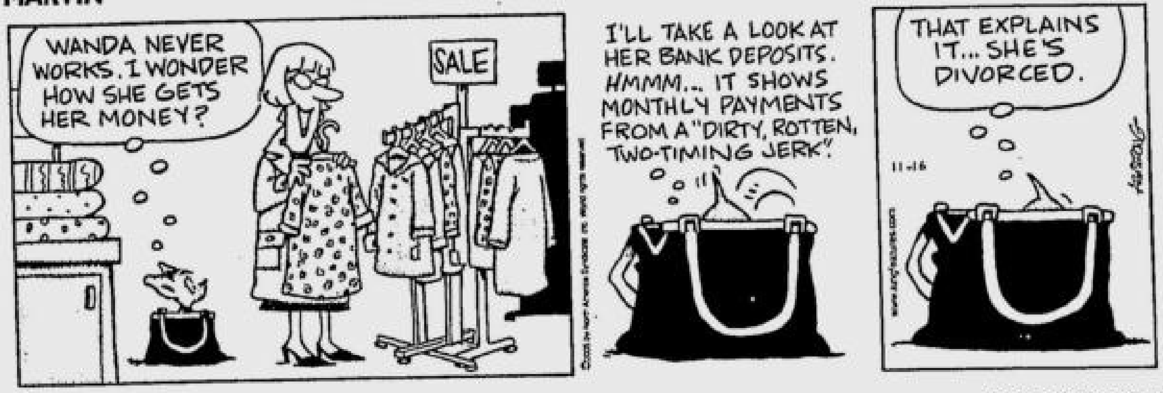
MARVIN

BY TOM ARMSTRONG


WANDA NEVER WORKS. I WONDER HOW SHE GETS HER MONEY?
SALE
I'LL TAKE A LOOK AT HER BANK DEPOSITS. HMMM... IT SHOWS MONTHLY PAYMENTS FROM A "DIRTY, ROTTEN, TWO-TIMING JERK".
THAT EXPLAINS IT... SHE'S DIVORCED.
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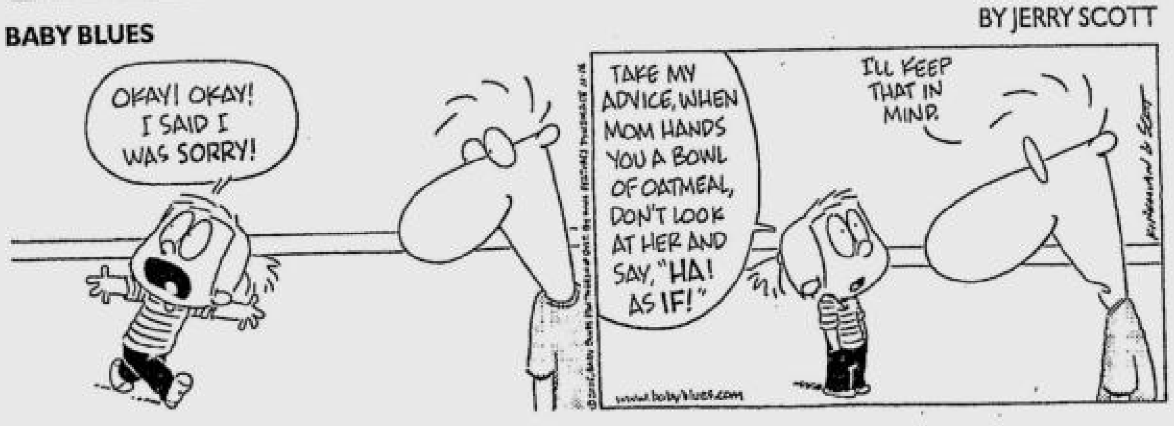
BABY BLUES

BY JERRY SCOTT


OKAY! OKAY! I SAID I WAS SORRY!
TAKE MY ADVICE, WHEN MOM HANDS YOU A BOWL OF OATMEAL, DON'T LOOK AT HER AND SAY, "HA! AS IF!"
I'LL KEEP THAT IN MIND.
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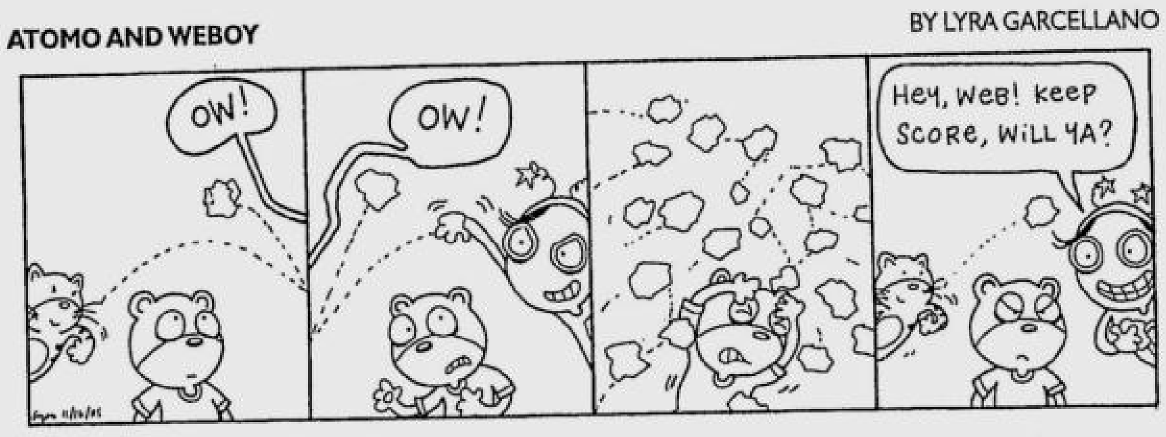
ATOMO AND WEBOY

BY LYRA GARCELLANO


OW!
OW!
Hey, Web! keep Score, Will ya?

HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

YOU BORN TODAY: You have the power to magnetize what you want to you. (Be careful what you wish for.) You have marvelous organizational and planning skills. (You're a perfectionist.) You're a thoughtful, considerate person. You educate yourself, and because you have common sense, others often seek your advice. Increased solitude this year helps you learn something new and important.

Birthdate of: Marg Helgenberger, actress; Lisa Bonet, actress; Shigeru Miyamoto, game designer.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): It's a busy day, but things are starting to fall neatly into place now. Problems that increased before yesterday's Full Moon thankfully now diminish. (It looks like this cloud has a silver lining.)

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): Money issues start to look a bit better today. Thank goodness. This is a good time to wrap up stuff that has been simmering on the back burner.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): The Moon is in your sign today. This gives you a little edge over every other sign. However, you might feel a bit more emotional about things. (It's no big deal.)

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): Ideally, you need a little bit of time just for yourself today. Slip away somewhere for a quiet moment if you can fit one in. (Why not do the crossword in this paper?)

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): A conversation with a female friend is significant today. Someone might need to confide in you. Give genuine, caring attention to anyone who needs it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): Think about your appearance today. For some reason, people notice you—perhaps briefly—today. This could be related to a discussion with your boss or your parent. (Be diplomatic.)

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): It's important to do something different today. Shake up your routine a little. You're hungry for adventure and the opportunity to learn something entirely new.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): You might have to make a compromise with someone today. Basically, it boils down to having different values. This could give you an entirely new slant on something.

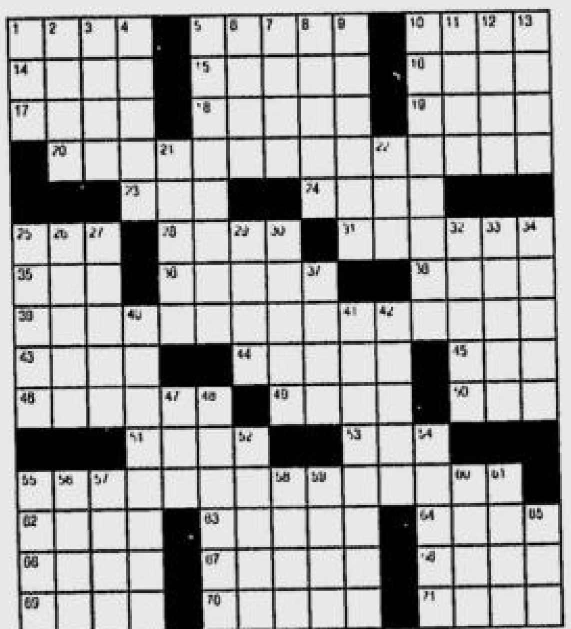
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Today's Moon opposes your sign. This completely focuses your attention on partners, close friends and members of the general public. You're very involved talking to others today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): Work with groups or perhaps a friend to accomplish something today. Tackle projects. If you join your efforts with others, you can make great progress now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): This is a playful, flirtatious day! You might meet someone new. You might also make fresh plans for entertaining activities, parties or social diversions.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): Home, family and domestic matters are your focus today. Talk to parents. Set aside time for family discussions. Shop for items for your home, especially reading and writing material.

DAILY CROSSWORD



By Philip J. Anderson
Portland, OR

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ACROSS

1 Powdery substance
5 Put a stop to
10 In the center of
14 Opera song
15 Star in Perseus
16 Military post
17 Bough
18 Cologne's river
19 Contemporary of Agatha
20 Classes for pitchers?
23 IV times XIII
24 Lead player
25 Took a seat
28 Profess
31 Investigation
35 French friend
36 "__ Bulba"
38 Stout's Wolf
39 Classes for dressmakers?
43 Zeno's home
44 Madagascar primate
45 Shemp's tormentor
46 Make a new sketch
49 Diana or Marion
50 Kite backdrop
51 Speaker of Cooperstown
53 Prize money
55 Classes for clockmakers?
62 Inter __ (among other things)
63 Bizarre
64 U2 singer
66 Literary notable
67 Pico de __ (Pyrenees peak)
68 Airline to Israel
69 Hardy girl
70 Doomed one
71 Memory method

DOWN

1 Russian chess master
2 Seed cover
3 Margarita garnish
4 Ring of plotters
5 Rio event
6 Precollege, briefly
7 Not far
8 Tunes
9 Votes in
10 Untrue to type
11 Sportscaster Albert
12 Man or Wight
13 Disappointing grades
21 Rodeo rope
22 Fujairah, Dubai, et al.
25 Freer from risk
26 Soap plant
27 Pooped
29 City on the Oka
30 Heron or egret
32 WWII surrender site
33 Swindler
34 Hive hoard
37 Type of wrestling
40 Little red men?
41 Spittoon
42 Fiery crime
47 Prince Valiant's son
48 Move back and forth
52 Shorthand, in short
54 Rome's river
55 Preserving substance
56 Ballet movement
57 Spanish rivers
58 Nice nothing?
59 Comic Johnson
60 __ contendere
61 Tiny insect pest
65 Barcelona bravo

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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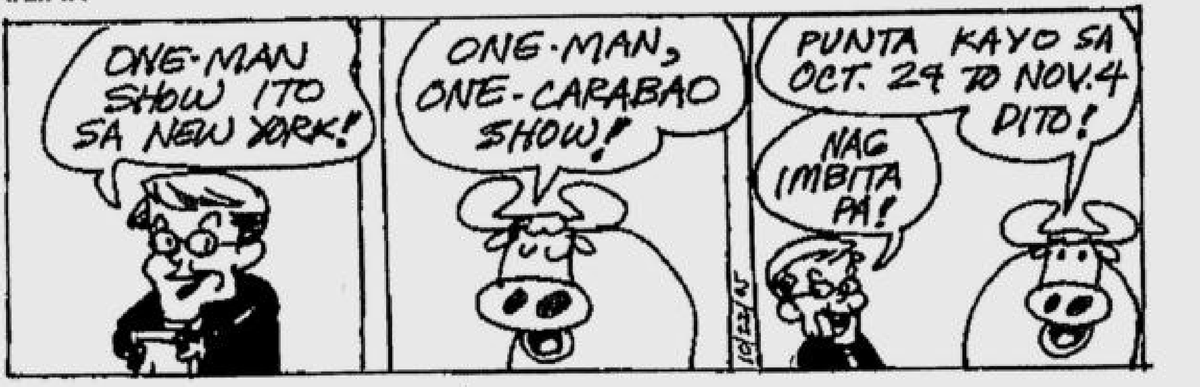
ONE-MAN SHOW ITO SA NEW YORK!
ONE-MAN, ONE-CARABAO SHOW!
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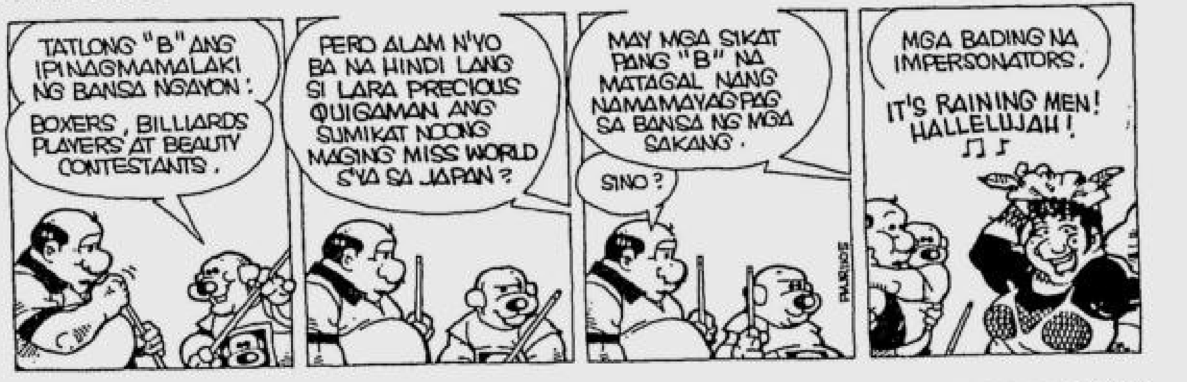
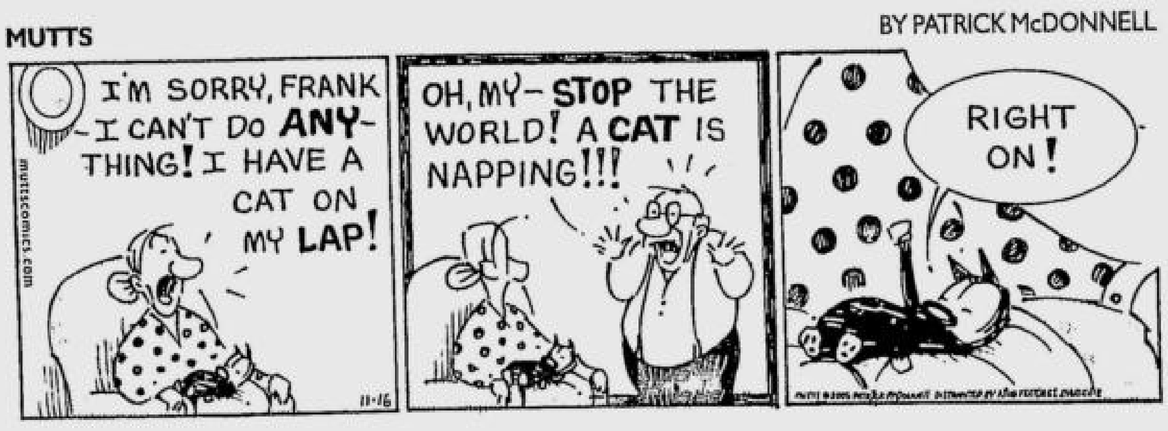
PUGAD BABOY

BY P.M. JUNIOR


TATLONG "B" ANG IPINAGMAMALAKI NG BANSA NGAYON:
BOXERS, BILLIARDS PLAYERS AT BEAUTY CONTESTANTS.
PERO ALAM N'YO BA NA HINDI LANG SI LARA PRECIOUS QUIGAMAN ANG SUMIKAT NOONG MAGING MISS WORLD S'YA SA JAPAN?
MAY MGA SIKAT PANG "B" NA MATAGAL NANG NAMAMAYAGPAG SA BANSA NG MGA SAKANG.
SINO?
MGA BADING NA IMPERSONATORS.
IT'S RAINING MEN! HALLELUJAH!

MUTTS

BY PATRICK McDONNELL


I'M SORRY, FRANK - I CAN'T DO ANYTHING! I HAVE A CAT ON MY LAP!
OH, MY- STOP THE WORLD! A CAT IS NAPPING!!!
RIGHT ON!
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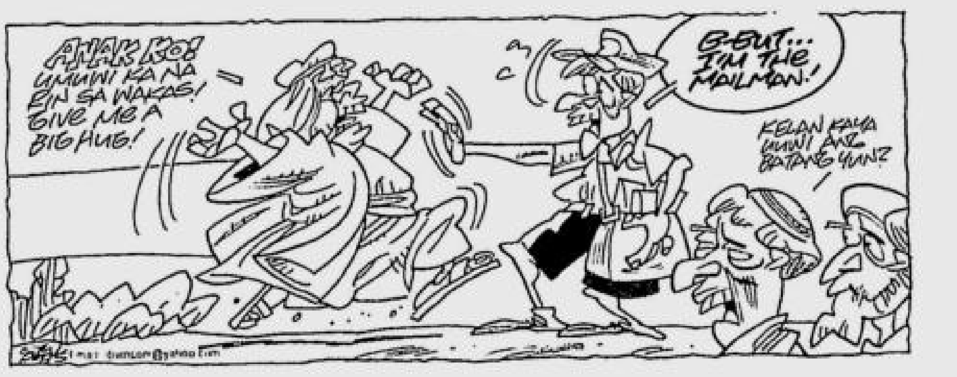
DIVINE COMEDY

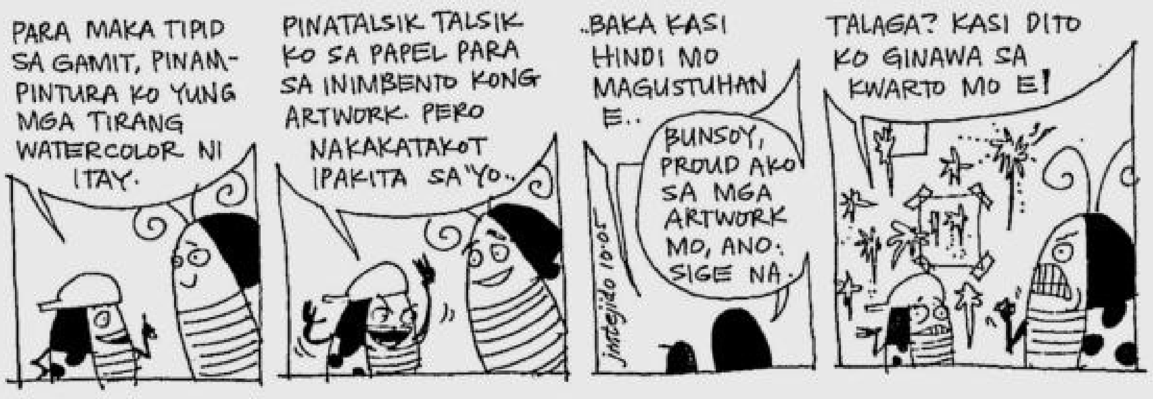
BY STEVEN PABALINAS

SA SOBRANG PANANABIK, ARAW-ARAW NA BINANTAYAN NG AMA ANG MULING PAGBABALIK NG KANYANG "PRODIGAL SON"


ANAK KO! UMUWI KA NA RIN SA WAKAS! GIVE ME A BIG HUG!
G-BUT... I'M THE MAILMAN!
KELAN KAYA UUWI ANG BATANG YAN?

MIKROKOSMOS

BY JOMIKE TEJIDO


PARA MAKA TIPID SA GAMIT, PINAMPINTURA KO YUNG MGA TIRANG WATERCOLOR NI ITAY.
PINATALSIK TALSIK KO SA PAPEL PARA SA INIMBENTO KONG ARTWORK. PERO NAKAKATAKOT IPAKITA SA'YO..
..BAKA KASI HINDI MO MAGUSTUHAN E..
BUNSOY, PROUD AKO SA MGA ARTWORK MO, ANO. SIGE NA.
TALAGA? KASI DITO KO GINAWA SA KWARTO MO E!
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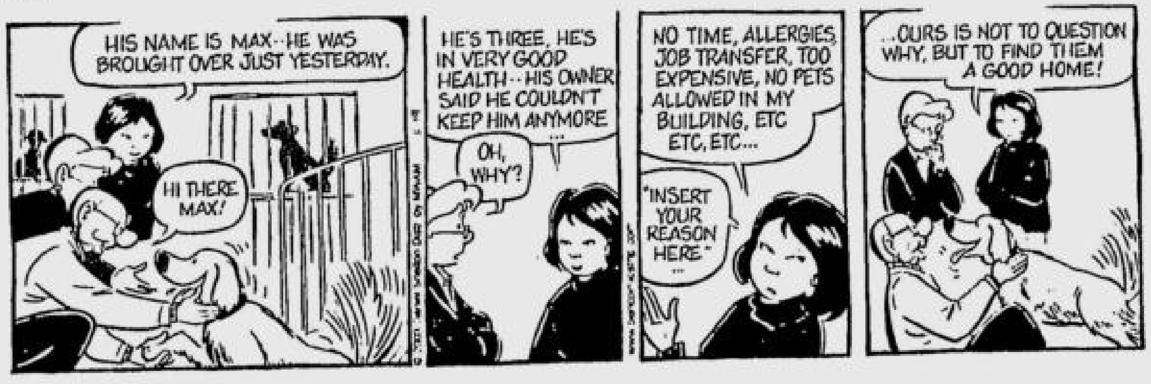
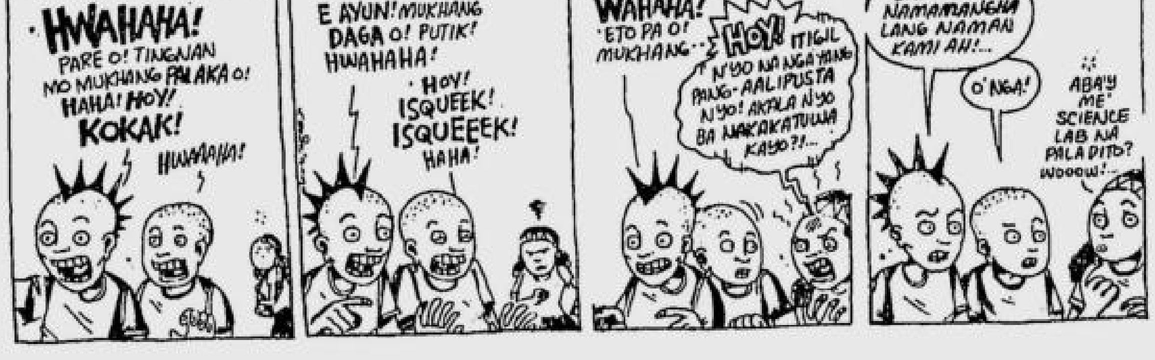
BEN

BY DANIEL SHELTON


HIS NAME IS MAX--HE WAS BROUGHT OVER JUST YESTERDAY.
HI THERE MAX!
HE'S THREE, HE'S IN VERY GOOD HEALTH--HIS OWNER SAID HE COULDN'T KEEP HIM ANYMORE
OH, WHY?
NO TIME, ALLERGIES, JOB TRANSFER, TOO EXPENSIVE, NO PETS ALLOWED IN MY BUILDING, ETC ETC, ETC...
"INSERT YOUR REASON HERE"
...OURS IS NOT TO QUESTION WHY, BUT TO FIND THEM A GOOD HOME!

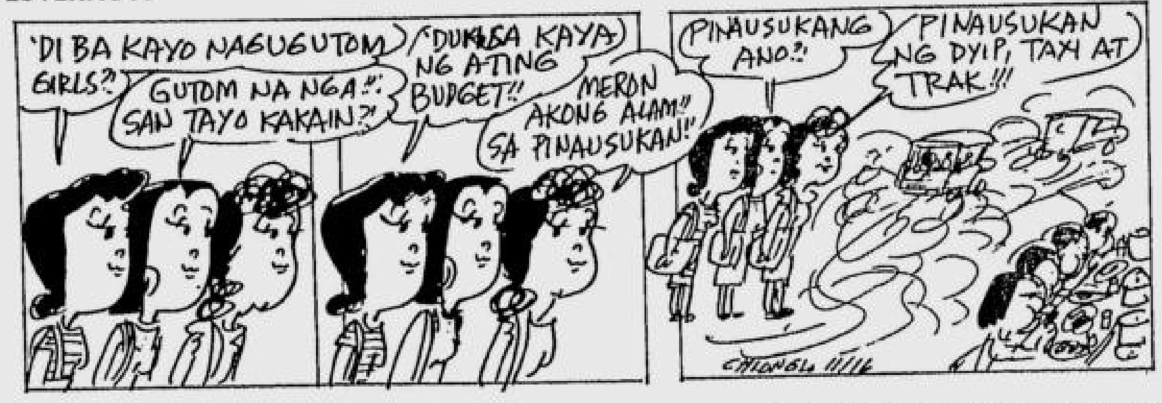
KIKO MACHINE

BY MANIX ABRERA


HWAHAHA! PARE O! TINGNAN MO MUKHANG PALAKA O! HAHA! HOY! KOKAK!
HWAHAHA!
E AYUN! MUKHANG DAGA O! PUTIK! HWAHAHA!
HOY! ISQUEEK! ISQUEEEK! HAHA!
WAHAHA! 'ETO PA O! MUKHANG...
HOY! ITIGIL N'YO NA NGA YANG PANG-AALIPUSTA N'YO! AKALA N'YO BA NAKAKATUWA KAYO?!...
BAKIT BA? NAMAMANGHA LANG NAMAN KAMI AH!...
O'NGA!
ABA'Y ME' SCIENCE LAB NA PALA DITO? WOOOW!..

LOVEKNOTS

BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO


'DI BA KAYO NAGUGUTOM GIRLS?
GUTOM NA NGA!! SAN TAYO KAKAIN?!
'DUKHA KAYA NG ATING BUDGET!!
MERON AKONG ALAM!! SA PINAUSUKAN!!
PINAUSUKANG ANO?!
PINAUSUKAN NG DYIP, TAXI AT TRAK!!!
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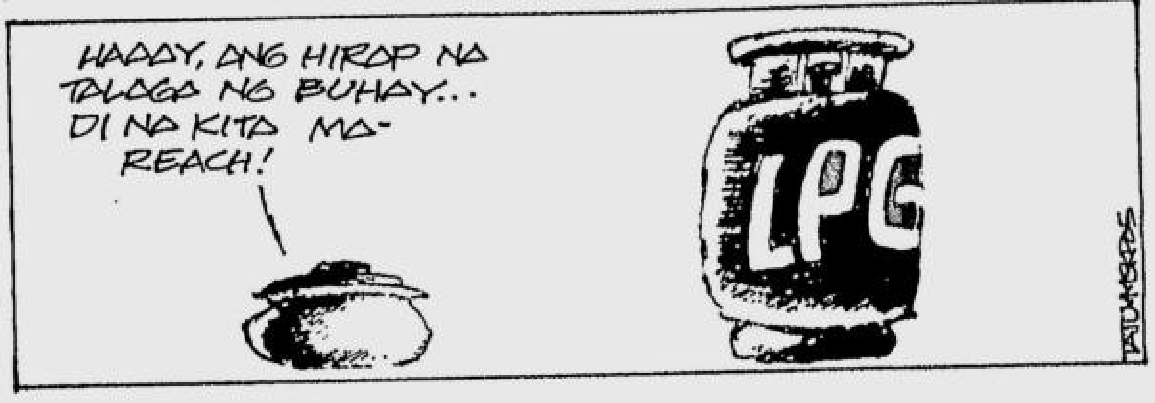
BY PAPU AND TATUM MILAMBILING


HAAAY, ANG HIRAP NA TALAGA NG BUHAY... DI NA KITA MA-REACH!
LPG

Narnians of the world, unite!

From page D1

the truths of life not tainted by modern jargons or philosophical musings.

If you read the "Chronicles," it is impossible not to come across the most important character in the stories, Aslan. It is known as the Great Lion and the creator of the multi-verse world of Narnia. I could never forget the description of him, "He's not safe. But he is good." What is surprising about this is how Lewis crafted the character in such a way that not only the children in stories are drawn to him. The reader—in this case, me—gets drawn to him, too, to the point that I want to cuddle every lion picture I come across.

What amazed me about the Narnian stories was their contrasting take on children and grownups. Of the four children in the second book of the "Chronicles," only two visited Narnia three times, the other two were too old for Narnia.

THE AUTHOR and Altariel with the Dawn Treader

Wonder, Lewis thought, is the first thing to disappear in the person who has grown. Narnia made me realize that growth is not about how long you have lived. It is how you make everything count. Childlike wonder indicates how you have really lived.

This same wonder made me search a community where people love fantasy as much as I do.

Coming together

Two years ago, I was a Narnian drifter when I accidentally stumbled upon the New Worlds' Second Sci-Fi and Fantasy Convention, an annual convention of all the sci-fi and fantasy fan groups in the Philippines. I came with my sister.

THE ORDER sells bookmarks and pins at the Philippine Sci-Fi and Fantasy Convention.

As I am a fan of Star Trek, too, I visited the Via Astris Inc. (the Star Trek Club of the Philippines) booth only to find a guy entertaining us. Rem de Leon told me he wanted to start a fan-base group for Narnia. Of course, how could I resist? I have been in the Philippine Order of Narnians ever since.

The Philippine Order of Narnians is a Filipino community of C.S. Lewis fans committed to sharing the timeless truths of the "Narnia" stories to Filipinos. The group started in July 2003 and is the only established Narnia fan group in the Philippines recognized by Douglas Gresham, the stepson of C.S. Lewis and co-producer of the movie, "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe."

We have meetings every second and fourth Saturday of the month, which we call "summons," where we discuss all things Narnian, and also the other works of C.S. Lewis.

Occasionally we meet at Greenbelt, where we brew our ideas no matter how funny or scholarly, just for the fun of it.

As the upcoming movie of the second book prepares to be shown internationally on Dec. 9 by Walt Disney and Walden Media, we wait in anticipation for the production that may yet set the benchmark for fantasy movies since New Line Cinema's "Lord of the Rings."

Our goal is one and the same: to reawaken the wonder of the Filipinos and challenge them to be the best that they can be, as Aslan, the Great Lion of Narnia, saw what Edmund could become.

Want to join us? Step into the Wardrobe! Adventure is waiting.

Visit http://www.filipinonarnians.org.

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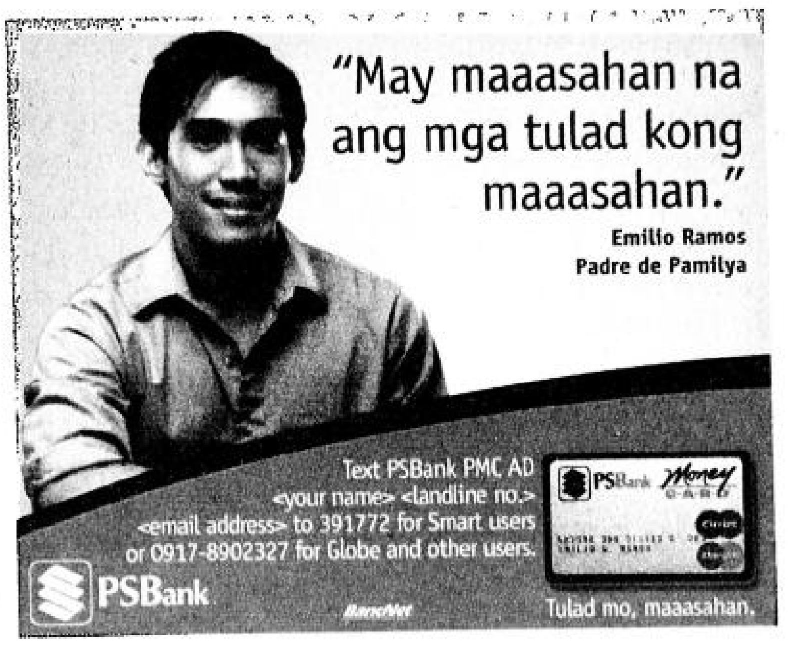

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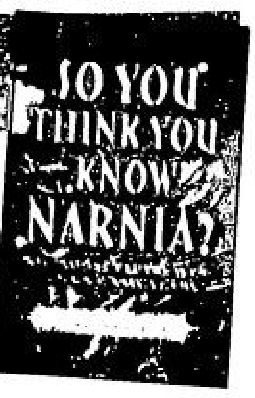
Your Narnia reading list

By Pam Pastor



There are so many Narnia books out now that you'd still be reading by the time the movie opens

SO YOU ALREADY HAVE THE COMPLETE set of "The Chronicles of Narnia" books. But the reading is not over. Feed your excitement for the movie "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" by stocking up on the countless Narnia-related books available in the market today.

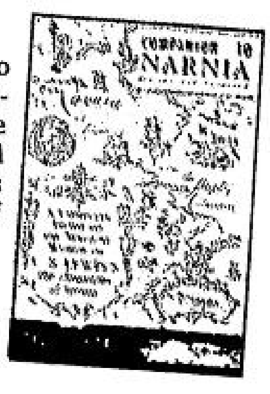
Some are old, some are new, some are official, some are not, some are for kids, some for adults. But whether you're an old Narnia fan or just getting started, you'd find them all interesting. Here's a rundown.

"Step into Narnia: A Journey Through The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"
By E.J. Kirk
This hardbound, glossy, full-color book is an entertaining read. It's packed with features, including a guide to Narnia with beautiful illustrations, pages devoted to getting to know the four Pevensie children with diary entries and a slumbook-type layout, report cards on the different creatures in Narnia, and a map of the White Witch's abode. It looks like an expertly put-together scrapbook—ideal for Narnia fans both young and old.

"Beyond the Wardrobe: The Official Guide to Narnia"
By E.J. Kirk
Calling itself the first official full-color guide to "The Chronicles of Narnia," this book features the mythical origins behind the book, a background on C.S. Lewis, the history of the books (including alternative titles C.S. Lewis considered), images from the movie and more.

"So You Think You Know Narnia?"
By Clive Gifford
This book contains over a thousand quiz questions on "The Chronicles of Narnia." The questions are separated into categories—easy, medium and hard. "Who did Jadis throw an iron bar at aiming for their head?" "What was the name of the girl who rode on Hwin?" Spend hours with other Narnia fans and find out who is the biggest fanatic of all.

"The Magical Worlds of Narnia: The Treasury of Myths and Legends"
By David Colbert
David Colbert also wrote a guide on the Harry Potter books that has been praised by critics. In this book, he traces Narnia's origins to the Bible, offers a biography of C.S. Lewis, and explores the medieval lore and ancient myths that inspired the author to create the wonderful world we know as Narnia.



"Companion to Narnia, Revised Edition: A Complete Guide to the Magical World of C.S. Lewis's The Chronicles of Narnia"
By Paul F. Ford
Called a must-have by some big fans, this book claims it was used as a reference by the cast and crew of "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe." Written by Paul F. Ford, PhD, who has been a student of the life and writings of C. S. Lewis for over 30 years, the book comes in an A-Z encyclopedia format of different places, people and things that are related to Narnia. Timelines, maps and cross-references make this book a rich read.

"Pocket Companion to Narnia: A Guide to the Magical World of C.S. Lewis"
By Paul F. Ford
Bring the magic of Narnia with you everywhere you go. This concise edition is so small and handy you can slip it into your bag and, yeah, your pocket.

"C.S. Lewis: The Boy Who Chronicled Narnia"
By Michael White
Take a look at the life of C.S. Lewis with this popular biography.

"Cameras in Narnia: How The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe Came to Life"
By Ian Brodie
Author Ian Brodie was on-set and on-location throughout the production of the movie. In this book, he documents the making of the film and presents a comprehensive guide to transforming a children's classic into a highly anticipated movie. It features interviews with the crew and the director, full-color behind-the-scenes photos and detailed stories on how the crew brought our well-loved creatures to life. The foreword was written by Andrew Adamson, director of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" movie.

"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe: The Movie Storybook"
By Kate Egan
Relive the adventure of the four Pevensie children in this hardcover storybook which features full-color photos from the movie.

"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe: Edmund and the White Witch"
By Scout Driggs
This glossy children's book with full-color illustrations depicts Edmund's first encounter with Jadis, the White Witch.

"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe: Tea with Mr. Tumnus"
By Jennifer Frantz
Lucy's first adventure in Narnia is printed with images from the movie and large letters for easy reading by younger Narnia fans.

"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe: The Quest for Aslan"
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This 64-page chapter book studded with color photos tells the story of the wardrobe from Lucy's perspective.

"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe: The Creatures of Narnia"
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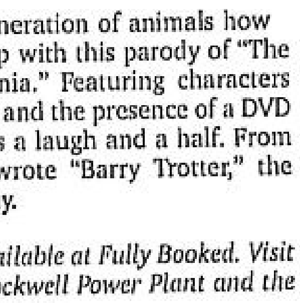
"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe: Activity Book with Gel Pen"
By Sadie Chesterfield
Printed on solid red paper, this children's book features fun puzzles, Narnia-style—mazes, connect the dots, word searches, code-unlocking. It comes with a gel pen that kids can use to solve the puzzles. It's a great gift for your younger siblings.

"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe: Coloring and Activity Book and Magnets"
By Julia Simon-Kerr
This 32-page coloring and activity book comes with a bonus—fun magnets featuring faces of the actors who play Peter, Edmund, Lucy and Susan.



"The Chronicles of Blarnia"
By Michael Gerber
"What happens when four children discover a new world through the doors of an old wardrobe? About what you'd expect—"they break stuff and teach an entire generation of animals how to swear." Crack up with this parody of "The Chronicles of Narnia." Featuring characters like Mr. Dumbness and the presence of a DVD player, this book is a laugh and a half. From the author who wrote "Barry Trotter," the Harry Potter parody.

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"In celebration of our One Million Credit Cards milestone, Citibank introduced a new Rewards catalog designed to give our cardholders more and more reward choices. They can look forward to an extensive list of home appliances, electronic gadgets, toys, gift certificates for shopping and dining, and so much more," related Cecille Fonacier, Citibank's Marketing Director and Head for Consumer eBusiness.

"The online redemption, another first in the industry, is one more way for us to reward our customers who have made Citibank cards the number one in the country," added Fonacier.

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Catching up with Constantine

Guess what? The hot 'American Idol' star has no iPod, and is dying for a girlfriend

Text and photos by Niño Mark M. Sablan
2bU! Correspondent

IF YOU THOUGHT YOU'VE seen and heard the last of Constantine when he got booted out of "American Idol," then you're fortunately wrong.

Not only is his music career continuing to soar (check out his version of "Bohemian Rhapsody" in the album "Killer Queen: A Tribute"), he has also recently signed up with ABC for a sitcom produced by Kelsey Grammer of "Frasier" fame.

That's not all. Constantine is also back on tour (without the rest of his band Pray for the Soul of Betty though). And he's starting off with a Philippine visit!

Thanks to the Ayala Malls, Constantine is in this part of the globe, ready to make fans scream with his sexy stare and signature pout. Catch him at Ayala Greenbelt in Makati on Nov. 17, at the Alabang Town Center on Nov. 18 and at the Ayala Center Cebu on Nov. 19.

Here is an excerpt from 2bU!'s one-on-one with Constantine:

To whom were you closest among all the other "AI" contestants?

We've been such a big family this past year. Getting to know them all has really been one of the greatest things I've gone through, and I'm close with all of them. They're all my little brothers and sisters.

Among all the songs you performed on the show, what is your favorite?

Probably "Bohemian Rhapsody" because I just felt like it was the biggest risk and I like taking risks. I feel like I pulled it off and I made my mark.

Who were you rooting for between the final two?

I think Carrie needed it more than Bo needed it. She's younger and she has far less experience. She is wonderfully talented, and to be given the "American Idol" title would help her more than it would help Bo.

Who's your fave "AI" judge?

I love them all equally, really. I really do. I respect them all so much on and off the camera. I've become good friends with everyone. They're good people and they represent three totally different perspectives of the music industry, so how can you go wrong?

If you were one of the final two, what would you have sung?

A lot of the songs that I wanted to sing—like, the ideal songs for me to sing—I couldn't sing on the show because the publishing wouldn't clear. I wanted to do a couple of Bon Jovi songs but he doesn't clear his music for "American Idol."

How has the whole show change you?

It's given me great opportunities that I never had before. People know me now and I'm just happy to do what I love, which is make music and make people happy. It's pretty cool stuff.

Any complaints?

No, not at all. What do I have to complain about? I had been sleeping on a couch in my friend Jason's house. I didn't know what I was gonna do with my life. I was at a crossroads, and now, here I am touring the world, doing what I love to do. Pretty cool.

Are you more of a singer than an actor?

I think I'm a singer first. I became a singer first. I was always sort of acting, but in order to sing more I got into acting because there were musicals and different performances and stuff. But then I fell in love with the craft of acting altogether.

How's that show you're making for ABC?

We're hoping to get this last script finalized so we can begin work on the pilot. It's gonna be a workplace comedy loosely based on my life. It's about my family, and my experiences growing up in New York. Really funny characters, really funny situations. If you can compare it to anything, it would be like a young "Everybody Loves Raymond" and a bit of "Cheers" in that it's a workplace comedy. I'm looking forward to it.

Any actress you want to work with?

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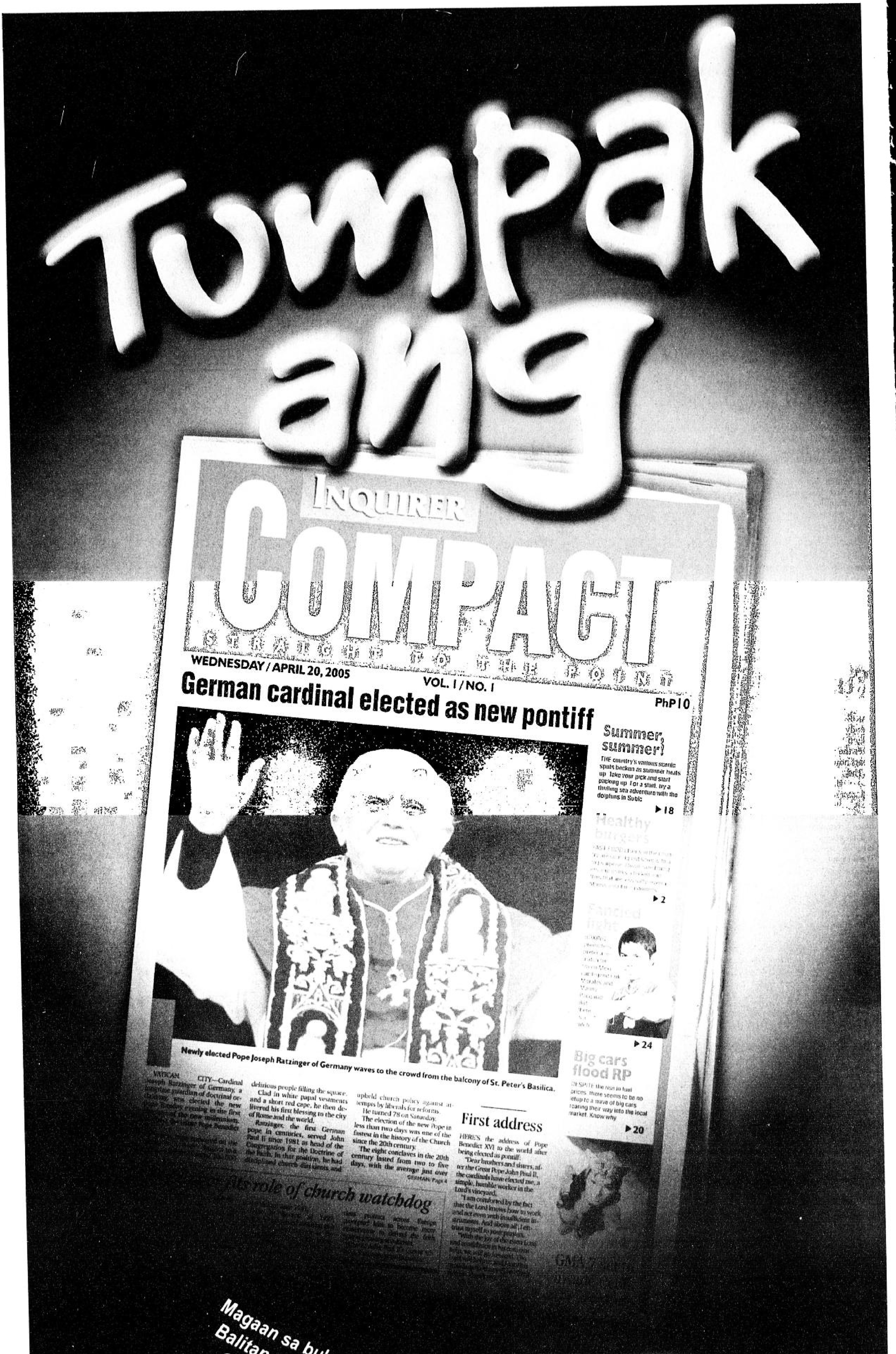

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German cardinal elected as new pontiff

Newly elected Pope Joseph Ratzinger of Germany waves to the crowd from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica.

VATICAN CITY—Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany, a longtime guardian of doctrinal orthodoxy, was elected the new Pope Sunday evening in the first conclave of the new millennium, [illegible] Pope Benedict [illegible] delirious people filling the square.

Clad in white papal vestments and a short red cape, he then delivered his first blessing to the city of Rome and the world.

Ratzinger, the first German pope in centuries, served John Paul II since 1981 as head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. In that position, he had disciplined church dissidents, and upheld church policy against attempts by liberals for reforms.

He turned 78 on Saturday.

The election of the new Pope in less than two days was one of the fastest in the history of the Church since the 20th century.

The eight conclaves in the 20th century lasted from two to five days, with the average just over

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... role of church watchdog

First address

HERE'S the address of Pope Benedict XVI to the world after being elected as pontiff:

"Dear brothers and sisters, after the Great Pope John Paul II, the cardinals have elected me, a simple, humble worker in the Lord's vineyard.

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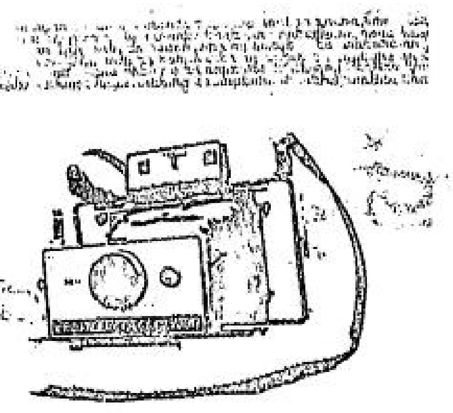

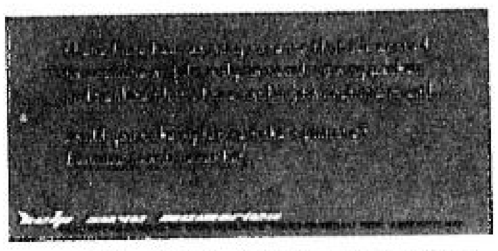

Ateneo pays tribute to poetess

THE ATENEO LIBRARY OF WOMEN'S WRITINGS (ALIWW) presents the exhibit, "Sunflowers and Road Maps: The Many Lives of Tita Lacambra Ayala," from Nov. 17 to 26 at the Pardo de Tavera Room, Rizal Library, Ateneo de Manila University. The show marks the 11th Paz Marquez Benitez Memorial Lecture/Exhibit.

Davao-based writer and artist Ayala is best known for her collections of poems, "Sunflower Poems" (1960) and "Ordinary Poems" (1969), for her literary awards in both poetry and short stories, and for her publishing venture that began in 1981, the "Road Map Series."

In 1989, the Manila Critics Circle cited Ayala not just for publishing the works of new artists from Mindanao, but also for encouraging regional writing. The National Commission for Culture and the Arts, through its Subcommission on Cultural Heritage and Committee for Art Galleries, released in 2003 a CD-ROM version of the "Road Map Series," featuring in disc form poetry, fiction, essays, paintings, and drawings of various writers and artists from Mindanao.

Born in Sarrat, Ilocos Norte, educated in Baguio and Manila, married in the Los Baños cathedral to fellow writer and artist Jose V. Ayala, and further honed in the craft of writing and editing with magazine and newspaper work, Ayala set up home, wrote, and worked in Cagayan de Oro, Bukidnon, Los Baños, Manila, and Davao City.

ALIWW is an archival facility within the library founded in 1994 but, since 1999, has begun to include not just the literary work of Filipino women in all languages but work by them and about them in all areas, particularly their contributions to Filipino cultural life.

ALIWW is at the Rizal Library Annex, Ateneo trunkline 4266001, local 5811 or its e-mail address, aliww@admu.edu.ph.

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This season, bright and comfortable sneakers called Rush Track (available in lime, pink and orange colors) are all the accessories you will need for casual wear. Classy jewelry and simple clothing will bring out the intricate and stylish beadwork on the beautiful satin shoe strap of Abra wood sandals (available in black, fuchsia and turquoise).

These are only but a couple of Paris Blues styles that show the California label's dedication to both quality and design.

Paris Blues' fashion story began in 1981, starting with apparel. Very quickly, the label's popularity exploded with its launch of body-conscious denim style jeans, shorts and dresses that included innovative stone wash, acid wash and garment dye processes. Eventually, it branched out to shoes.

Paris Blues is exclusively distributed by Stores Specialists Inc., and is available in Greenbelt 3; Rustan's Tower, Shangri-La Plaza Mall; 158 Designers' Boulevard, Alabang Town Center; and soon to open in Glorietta 3 this October.

UP seminar on part-time jobs and OJT today

THE UP INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING Club, one of the most prestigious student organizations in UP Diliman, is hosting its first ever Raketista Job Fair, with a culminating seminar today at the UP Faculty Center.

The Raketista Job Fair is the pioneering job fair to exhibit part-time jobs and OJTs. Designed specifically to cater to the student populace, it is a venue where employers add values to their companies by hiring interns and also for students to gain valuable work experience while earning some spare cash. Companies participating in this event include Smart Wifi, Convergys Corp., Load.com.ph Inc., and many more.

Visit www.raketista.com.

Catching up with Constantine

THANKS to the Ayala Malls, this Americal Idol—sexy stare, pouty lips and all—has reached our shores.

From page E1

What's in your iPod?

I don't own an iPod. I don't have the patience for it. I think they're cool, but I'm sort of technologically challenged.

Other interests apart from acting and singing?

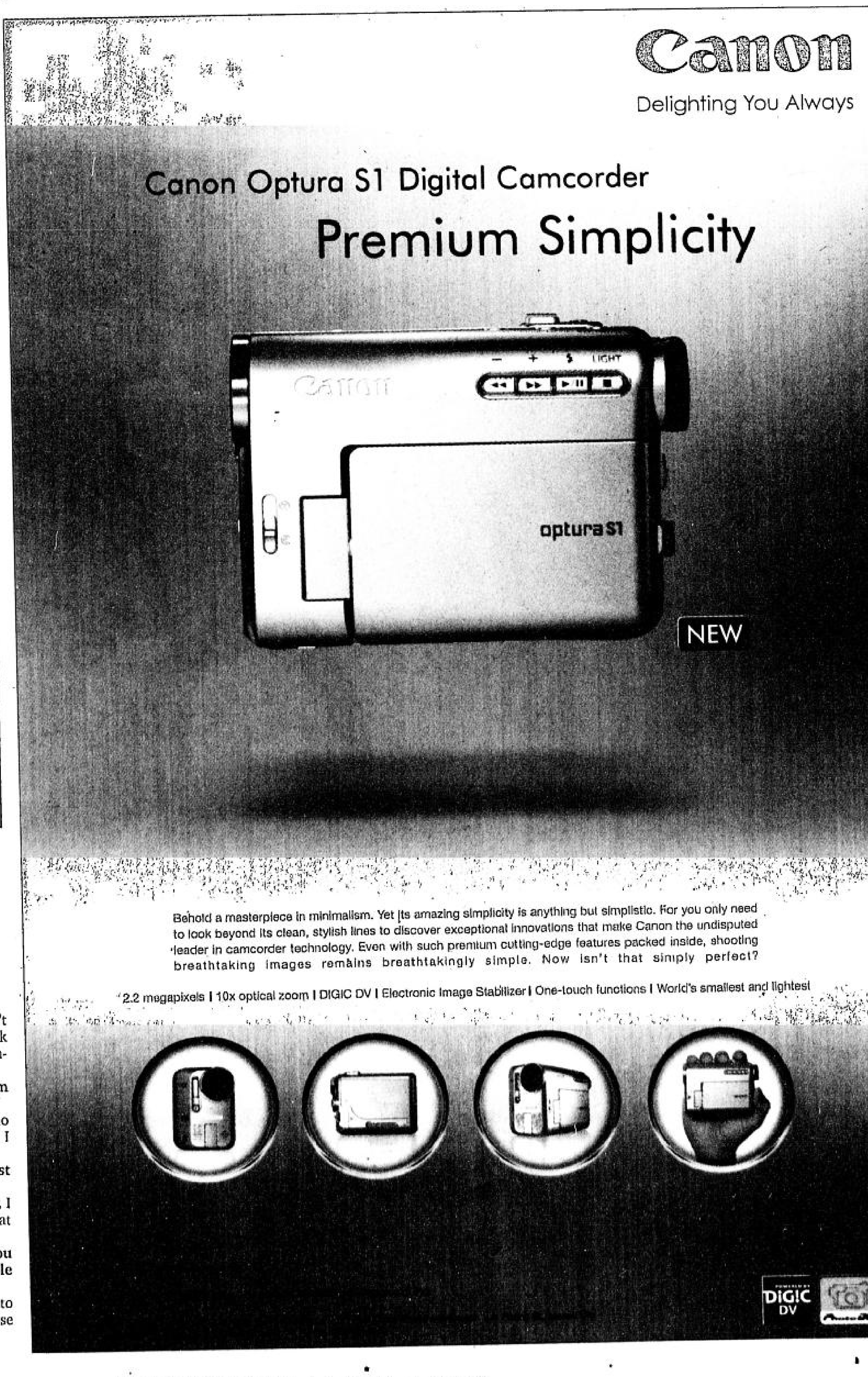
I love sports. I'd love to do some guest sports commentary. I dig children, I wanna have kids.

Give me one song that best represents you right now.

"Amazed" by Paul McCartney. I think that song represents what I'm going through right now.

What's something that you want to fit into your schedule now?

A girlfriend. It would be nice to have someone to share all these with.



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Shopping mecca's swan song

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BEAT THE CHRISTMAS RUSH AND HAUL yourself to the Greenbelt Shopping Plaza (GSP) on Nov. 17 for extraordinary picks of the season's best bargains and bonanzas. A cocktail party set to light music and enlivened by belly dancing will entertain guests as they go about shopping to their hearts' content.

The day also marks the shopping center's farewell of sorts as it bows out at the end of the year, closing what for many is a mecca for clothes and accessories, curios and trinkets, furnishings and footwear.

"We would like to invite our customers, friends, relatives and everyone to party with us for the last time," says Maryjo Feraren, GSP's general manager. "You will still find at the Greenbelt Shopping Plaza the holiday collections and new arrivals from Shanghai, Hong Kong and Thailand."

98 Store—Blouses, pants, skirts, bags and accessories are sold at, well, P98, in this store.

Yvonne's—This shop has become the byword for ballet, jazz and aerobic wear.

Cladshoppe—Cladshoppe, religiously tracks the fashion trends in Bangkok and Hong Kong, offering clothes for teenagers, especially those built on the petite side.

Mildred's Jewelry—offers jewelry in white, yellow and rose gold, diamonds, semiprecious stones and natural colored stones, as well as resetting services.

Top 1—A pioneering store in Greenbelt Shopping Plaza, Top 1 carries ladies' smart casuals and ready-to-wear, with some belts and bags thrown in for a totally stylish look. For the coming holidays, the store will feature ornately embellished denims.

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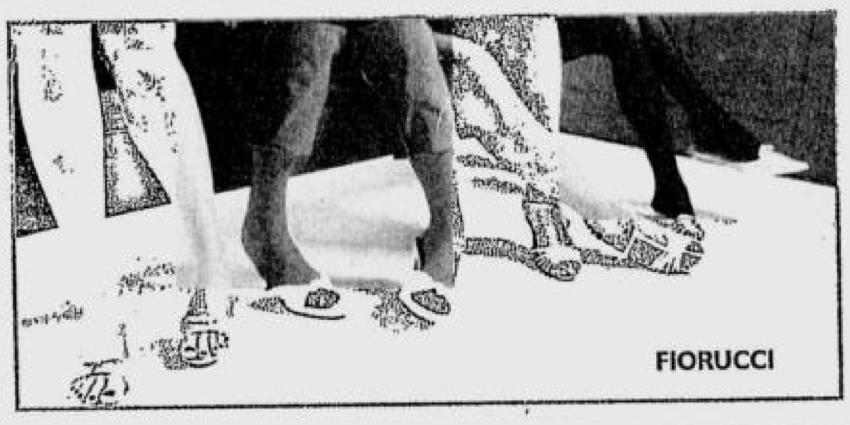

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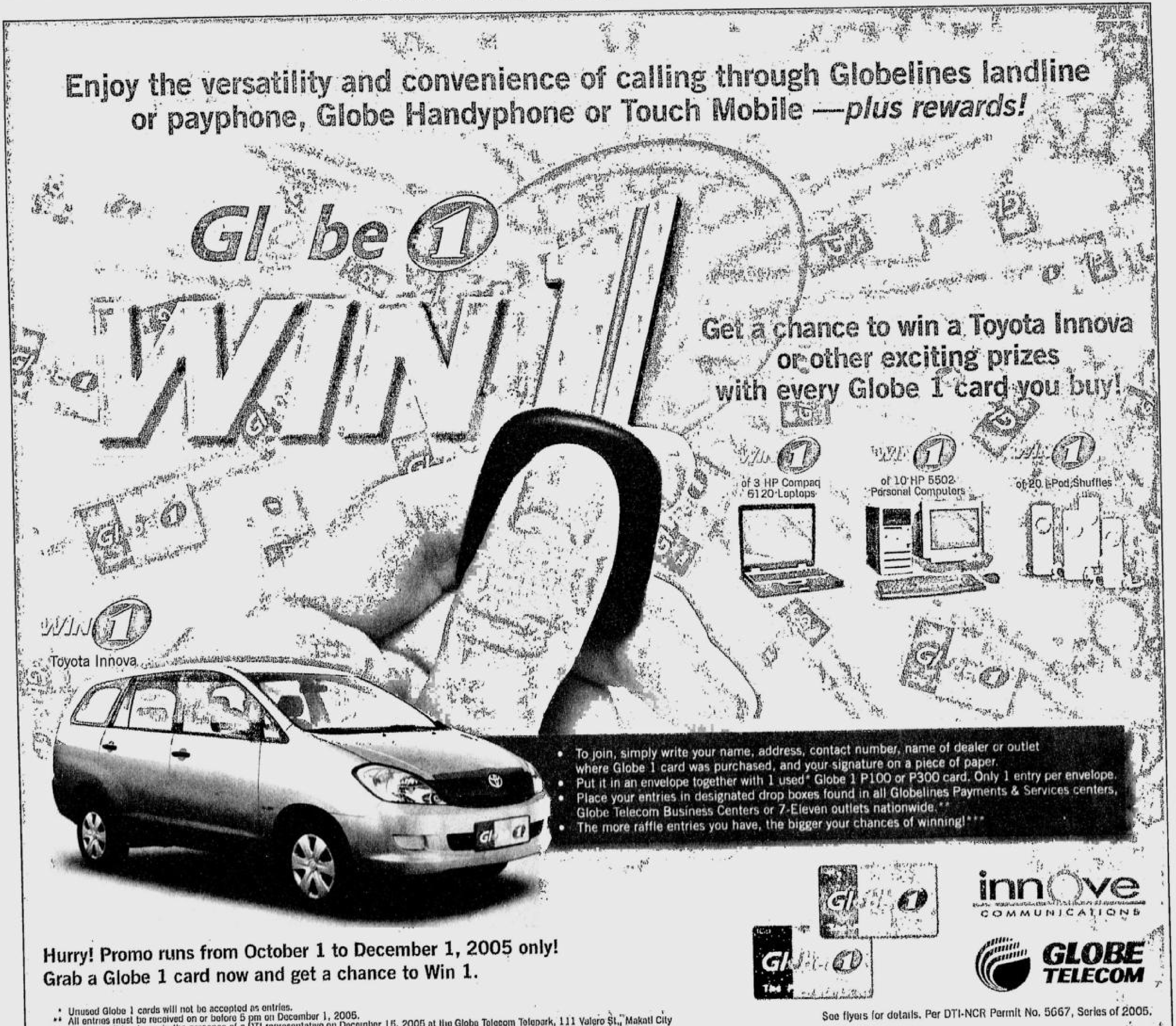

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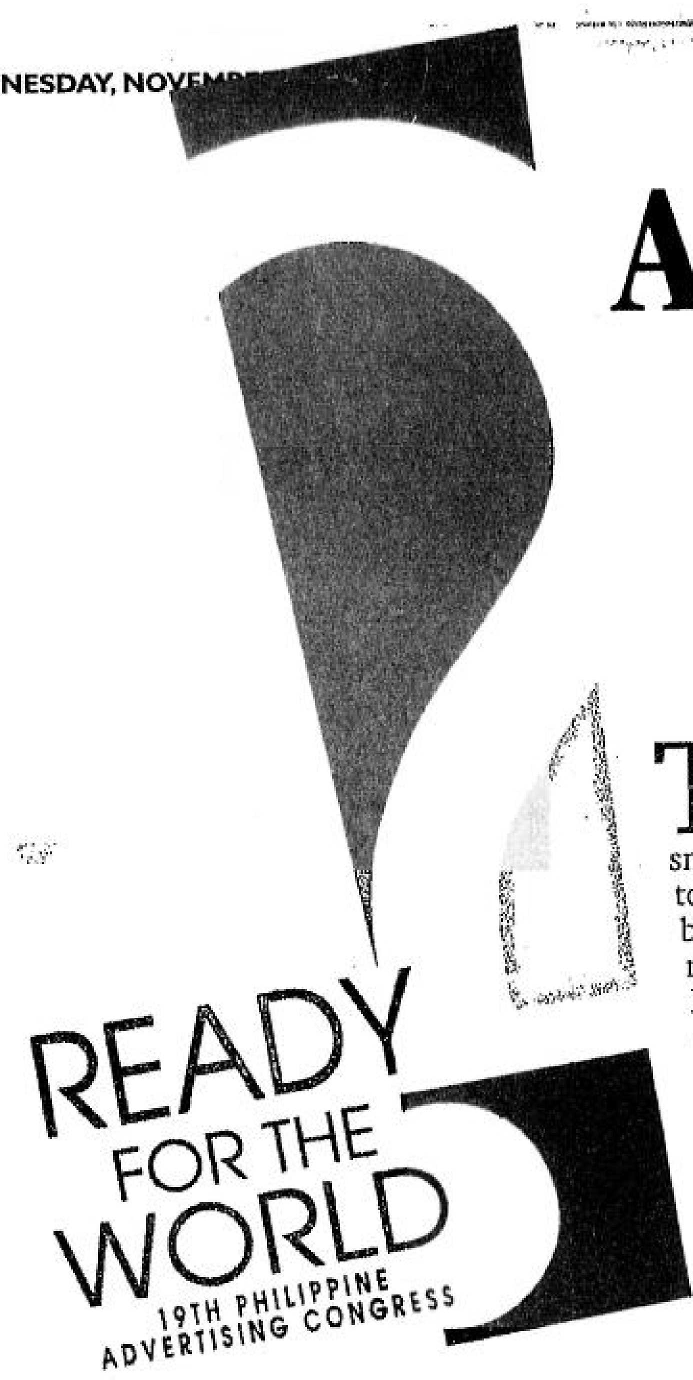

Are we ready for the world?!

THE 19TH PHILIPPINE ADVERTISING congress was formally launched on April 26, 2005 at the Greenbelt 3 Park, which served as a sneak preview of the "big event" that starts happening today, Nov. 16 to 19 at Waterfront Hotel in Lahug, Cebu City. This also marked the debut of the official newsletter interrobang?! and online home www.philadcongress.com, as well as the unveiling of its logo designed by second-time PAC Logo Competition winner Edgar Relayson.

The 19th PAC theme is Ready for the World?!. The ambiguous punctuation marks underscore the affirmation (or pervading doubt) in the Philippine advertising scene. Are we indeed ready or are we not? Do we have what it takes to take on the best in the world? Or *pang*-local *lang* tayo?

This dilemma will hopefully be resolved during the congress which is one of the most anticipated events in the advertising industry.

The advertising congress which is held every other year is the first systematic industry-wide effort undertaken on a national scale to upgrade professionalism in advertising and ensure the continuing development of the industry.

Advertising Suppliers Association of the Philippines (ASAP) and Marketing & Opinion Research Society of the Philippines (MORES) are the 19th PAC hosts.

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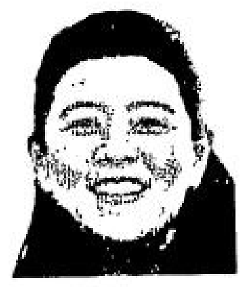
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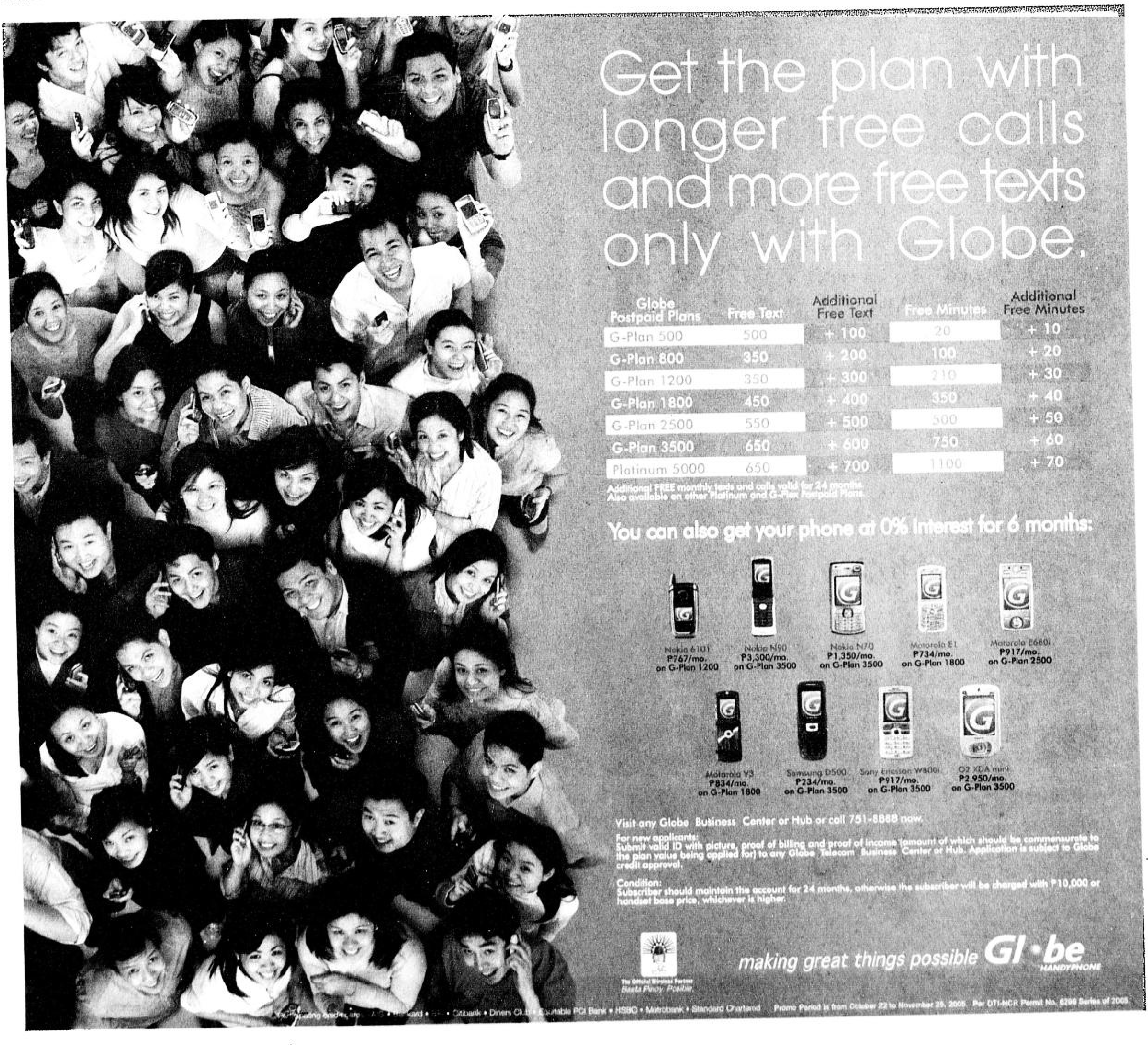
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Ad experts go to Cebu for 19th PAC

Be ready to take advertising in the country to greater heights as the 19th Philippine Advertising Congress (PAC) comes to full swing from Nov. 17 to 19 at its favorite host Cebu City.

Advertising authorities here and abroad will share lessons from their respective fields as each participant ponders on this year's theme: "Ready For the World?!"

Ayala Corp president and CEO Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala is set to keynote the first session day with "Selling Brand Philippines."

Other topics that are expected to spark interest on Day 1 are: "Filipino Culture: Why We Show What We Show in Our Advertising," by Emily Abrera, Chairman Emeritus, McCann Erickson Philippines, and Peter Wallace of the Wallace Business Forum; "Miss Understood: She's not Buying Your Ads," by Michelle Kristula-Green, president, Leo-Burnett APac; "Shifting Brand Paradigms: What Constitute a Strong Brand in the Age of the Empowered Consumer," by Mike Amour, CEO-AP, Grey Global Group; "How Challenger Brands Can Eat Big Fish" by Ding Salvador, managing consultant, Lamoiyan Corp; and "Going Global by Being Local," by Kitti Chaiyaporn, ECD, Publicis, Thailand and Prasoon Joshi, Reg. CD, McCann South & SE Asia.

On the morning of Day 2, participants have a choice from creative, brand and media topics. Session topics in the afternoon include: "The Battle for the Vanishing Consumers: The Future of Media," by Jamie Lord, marketing and business development director Mindshare AsiaPac; "Marketing Through Entertainment," by David Flack, MTV SVP for Creative & Content, APac and Gregory Ho, AXN, Apac Advertising Director; and "Successfully Managing the Communication Agency of Today," by Rupert Howell, McCann Worldgroup president, Europe, Middle-East, Africa.

PAC is as vibrant as a gathering of the best minds in the industry as it is renowned for its festivities and endless perks. Host organizations for this year's congress are the Advertising Suppliers Association of the Philippines (ASAP) and Marketing & Opinion Research Society of the Philippines (MORES).

We're ready for the world?! Agree! or Disagree?

Are Filipinos really prepared to go global? Do we have what it takes to make a difference?

The theme for the most-awaited 19th Philippine Advertising Congress revolves around these controversial questions. The Philippine Advertising Congress is the biggest nationwide assembly of advertising and media practitioners, as well as advertisers and students held every other year. For 2005, it promises to be a whole new ballgame as the Congress opens its doors to the participants' foreign counterparts who shall be talking everyone into being world-class success magnets in their fields of expertise.

The Congress' formal launch last April 26, 2005 at the Greenbelt 3 Park was, literally, a black-and-white affair. Invited guests who say "Yes, we're ready for the world" were asked to dress in white and black for those who believe otherwise.

The interrobang contains both the question mark and the exclamation point (?!), which signifies uncertainty and confidence Filipinos feel about being all set to race against the giants.

For those who were not able to make their stand in person, a poll is still being conducted through the official website www.philadcongress.com. As of this writing, results show that 702 respondents (50%) voted ! or "Agree", while 689 respondents (50%) voted ? or "Disagree".

The debate continues...and it will finally come to a close during the big event on November 16-19 at the Waterfront Hotel in Lahug, Cebu City.

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READY FOR THE WORLD
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Advertising in Cebu: Making brands stay relevant

By Alex Uypuanco

HOW IS ADVERTISING IN CEBU? WHO knows. There are just too many variables.

Maybe the best thing is just to talk about who we are and what we do. Maybe the idea is to measure our existence in the context of what we "automatically" achieve as practitioners of marketing communications in the regions.

What we achieve can be summed up in one word - relevance. And what we achieve ties in to who we are. We are "regionals" working in our world. We don't just put local flavor into our work, we are local flavor. We go beyond mere translation, we relate and we relate to almost three-fourths of the country's population.

Communications presumes understanding and understanding leads to relevance. We ask the question, "Is the Philippines a culturally fragmented nation?" Is this why some products rate high in Luzon and not so high in VisMin? But that is for another discussion. All we know is that our clients rate high in our world. Why? Because Cebu ad agencies help clients' brands become and stay relevant to the market.

Since we deliver relevance therefore we must be and stay relevant or else we wouldn't have lasted this long. But allow us to say that we are relevant not only to our world - the VisMin market. How so? Some forward-looking corporate giants see the point of a "culturally fragmented nation". They have always attempted to create separate messages for the Visayas and Mindanao. But these messages are just a little bit better than hit or miss since these messages are distilled and diluted somewhere else. More often than not in some office in Manila and conceived by a great mind with information supplied by an equally qualified sales person. Somehow, "lost in translation" can be an expected result from this equation.

Another scenario is a probinsyano educated and assimilated into the cosmopolitan lifestyle of Manila. Yes, he comes from the VisMin but the more important question is, is he still attuned to the VisMin? Let me cite a painful example. There's a beer commercial running on TV with four men extolling the merits of their product in Cebuano. The trouble is, they look like urbanites speaking in archaic Cebuano.

Let me put it in another perspective, how relevant would an ad be if it had four Greenbelt habitués speaking in archaic Tagalog and speaking it as if it were their daily tongue? We understand about treatment and all that but there obviously was no attempt at humor on this beer ad. Someone somewhere didn't know better. Did the ad then become relevant to the VisMin. Probably not.

Finally, the most common question thrown at Cebu ad practitioners is, do we know what we're doing? At this point, we must confess that most ad agencies in the VisMin are homegrown entities who, to put it kindly, learn as they go along. Some of them learn pretty fast and become de facto event management teams for many Manila- based agencies. But that isn't ALL of us.

Some of us do have more than 15 years of experience in doing work in Manila. Some of us do have degrees in marketing and understand the implications of research results. Some of us know who Neil French is although we don't necessarily agree on his opinions about women creative directors. Some of us have worked or are working on national accounts too.

The bottom line is, all of us understand whom we're communicating to. With that, we have a purpose. We can contribute in evolving the ad industry. The question is not, "Are we ready for the world?" but rather, "Are you ready for ours?"

MESSAGES

MY MOST CORDIAL GREETINGS TO THE organizers, delegates and participants to the 19th Philippine Advertising Congress.

Your efforts to elevate the advertising industry to a more competitive level are indeed laudable. I am particularly heartened by your continued pursuit of excellence by creating new ideas and by using innovative approaches to meet new challenges.

This congress indeed could provide a venue where advertising players and other stakeholders could discuss ways of bringing the industry to greater heights. Your drive towards sustainable growth and global competitiveness will surely redound to the industry's benefit and those of the country in general. May you remain united in achieving your objectives.

Advertising is one of the professions in which Filipinos excel. I am optimistic of the continued growth of the industry in the years ahead. Together, we can beat the odds, optimize our capabilities to succeed in the present seamless economy, and surge ahead in nation-building.

Mabuhay!
Gloria Arroyo
GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO
President
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MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS TO the organizers and participants of the 19th Philippine Advertising Congress.

Just as the media have enormous influence everywhere, the powerful force of advertising cannot be understated. Advertising has a profound impact on how people understand life and the world. It shapes attitudes and behavior.

It is therefore a challenge for advertising industry to carry out its responsibility to contribute to the authentic development of persons who have the right to information based on truth and freedom.

It is my hope that this convention would help those who are professionally involved in advertising in improving the policies and practices without offending moral and ethical standards.

Advertising should not only be viewed as a marketing tool or public relations that often present a distorted image of reality. At all times, it should be employed as a technique or instrument toward building a strong nation because advertising can play a vital role in maintaining honest and ethically responsible competition that contributes to economic growth.

In behalf of the city government and the entire Cebuano community, welcome and enjoy your stay in Cebu.

(Sgd) TOMAS R. OSMEÑA
Mayor
Cebu City

IN BEHALF OF ADBOARD, I WELCOME all delegates to the 19th Advertising Congress!

The 19th Advertising Congress remains relevant in this time of political and economic crises which the nation faces. Despite the seeming divisiveness of the advertising industry as one of its pillars, the KBP, chose to withdraw from the Adboard, I remain steadfast in my belief that the issues will be resolved.

Advertising remains a potent force that stimulates economic activity. Consumption starts with awareness and stimulation, which the advertising industry is tasked to accomplish. Aside from sheer financial size, a robust advertising industry reflects a progressive nation. A congress held once every 2 years is a clear manifestation that the industry is as dynamic and as prosperous as ever.

Furthermore, this year's theme of "Getting Ready for the World?!" envisions the emergence of world-class Filipino ads in the international arena. Adboard is determined to consistently support this vision by developing an annual program to achieve such objective complete with financial support.

Regarding KBP's withdrawal and lukewarm participation in this year's congress, Adboard views the challenge as a cleansing process. Let me emphasize that Adboard and KBP are not adversaries. A deep-rooted problem which started more than 2 years ago caused KBP's withdrawal. KBP had to make a difficult choice between its association's survival and its Adboard membership.

It's choice of the latter was understandably expected. However, the door remains wide open for KBP's re-entry. Continuous dialogs have been held and positive developments are being realized . The Philippine Association of Advertisers (PANA), being the entity from which the advertising process starts, is rightly spearheading the resolution of differences.

And also from the very start, this year's congress is being sold because of its content. The congress committee exerted efforts to invite the most qualified speakers from here and abroad. It will introduce break out sessions instead of the usual plenary. Participants can choose the topics of their interest. Making money is not a primary objective in this congress. Learning is. Sponsorships were solicited to merely support the expenses of hosting more than 2000 delegates.

Finally, the Advertising Board, ever committed to assert its mandate as the voice of the Philippine advertising industry, has undergone a soul-searching process and has come out with a new and invigorated vision more attuned to the times. Do visit the Adboard booth and see how the mission statements are slowly being realized towards Adboard's new vision.

My best wishes for all the delegates!
(Sgd) RAUL S. ALVAREZ
Adboard Chairman

THERE IS NO DENYING THAT THE FILipino is inherently global. The world seeks out our talent pool in practically every aspect of life. When multinational companies ventured into new Asian territories, they cross-posted talented Filipino advertising and marketing executives to develop and grow those markets. We must have done a heck of a job because our neighbors have been surpassing us in the area of recognition.

READY FOR THE WORLD!? is not just a theme or slogan of the 19th PAC. It is a spirit that sets out to put the country on the advertising map of the world not just in the validation of creative excellence, but also in recognition of the exemplary accomplishments in fueling consumerism in an economically challenged country. It dares us to reach for the ultimate command position where homegrown brands that venture into foreign markets gain market share because we conduct the studies, map the strategies, and create the advertising, not our foreign counterparts. It precipitates the growth of new media and the evolution of traditional media as it uses web technology, while the transition into high definition as a broadcast standard takes place. It encourages the partnership that enables the expansion of local production and supply into a position of regional acceptance. It inspires an increasing talent pool to proudly remain within our shores because the opportunity to flourish exists!

Welcome to the 19th Philippine Advertising Congress!
(Sgd) MERYL GRAHAM-SCHLACHTERMAN
Over-all Chairman
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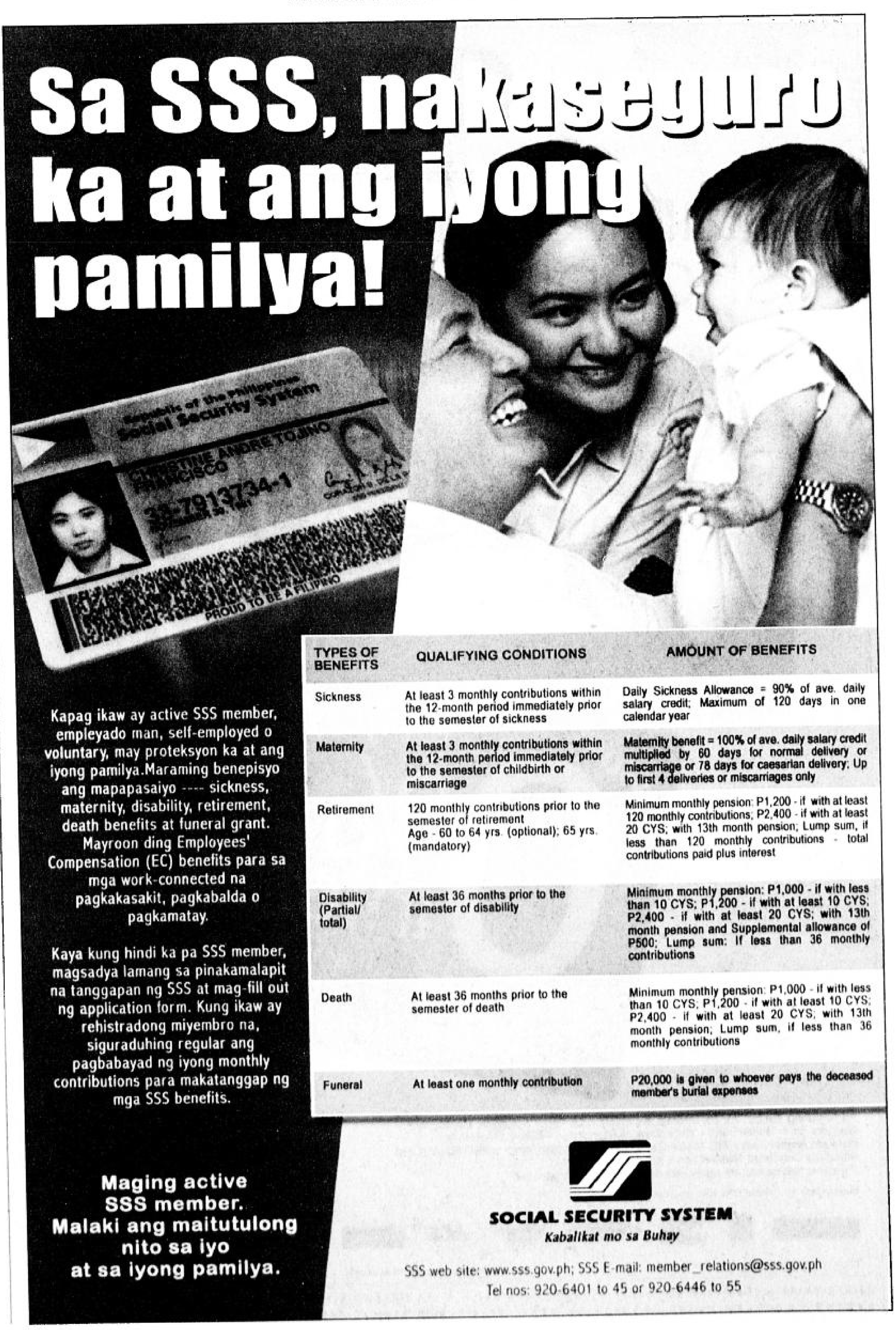
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Funeral	At least one monthly contribution	P20,000 is given to whoever pays the deceased member's burial expenses

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Three firsts, three nights, one swaggering ad congress

MAYBE WE WILL HAVE THOSE TURGID fireworks and cheesy music bed for every speaker's entrance ala-WWE Smackdown - maybe not. Maybe we will roll out the red carpet and have hired paparazzi take flashes (take note, we didn't say photos) ala-Oscar awards night - maybe not. Whatever it is we at the Ad Congress committee intend to do, you can be sure we will let you swagger your way to the 19th Philippine Ad Congress (PAC) for four days and three nights with three firsts in the history of the PAC.

First: The all-valuable proximity cards given to all registered participants guarantee access to business sessions, official functions and meal venues. And this neat ID can also spring some pleasant surprises for you, as this serves as your entry to all official raffles. Don't forget, though, to activate the proximity card upon registration.

First: you will be given the liberty to choose which session to participate in as we implement simultaneous breakout sessions according to specific needs of various industries. These sessions are divided into Creative Module, Brand Module, and Media Module. The number of sessions will be doubled this year, from around 10-12 in the previous years to 20 this year. Needless to say, the number of speakers will also double from the usual 15-18 to 35.

First: Wendesday will be spent on a whole day of adrenaline-injected, unadulterated fun! Polish your clubs, wipe your balls clean (we did say fun), and practice your swing for a round of golf at the Alta Vista Golf and Country Club. On Saturday, if you're not a Tiger Woods fan, McDonald's challenges you to strut your stuff at the Metro Sports Badminton Center. It should be fun so those who are serious, bordering on the *pikon*, should think twice.

These innovations on the content of the 19th PAC are not possible without the inputs of previous years' delegates. We took their valuable suggestions (the good, the bad, and the ugly) to help us develop specific topics, shortlist speakers, and all the in-betweens that mere mortals will never imagine.

We acknowledge the help of our speakers' respective companies for helping us create buzz at least on their corresponding topics.

For the participants, practice your swagger and bring it with ya!

5 tips to maximize the PAC experience

1) Wear your proximity card at all times. This will ensure access to business sessions, official functions and meal venues. Also, the ID will serve as your entry to all official raffles, but make sure to activate the proximity card upon registration.

2) Read the 19th PAC Survival Guide Manual. This explains in detail procedures that will ensure a seamless and efficient experience throughout the Ad Congress.

3) Make sure to visit the 19th PAC Trade Exhibit at the lower level lobby of Waterfront Hotel to grab special items from participating exhibitors and sponsors.

4) Delegates who are billeted in other hotels aside from the venue hotel are advised to be at the pick-up point 15 minutes before scheduled pick-up time.

5) Cap your 19th PAC experience with Araw Awards on Nov. 19, Saturday, 6 p.m. and get a chance to win a free trip to any of the five advertising destinations, including France.

All delegates will receive SMS messages for daily updates and reminders on PAC events. For more information, call the 19th PAC Secretariat at (032)-2326888.

GMA 7 SUPPORTS THE AD CONGRESS

GMA 7 has officially confirmed its participation to sponsor the 19th Philippine Advertising Congress during the Sponsors' MOA Signing Oct. 14. Present during the event were (from left): Yasmin Mallari of 19th PAC ways & means committee, Manuel P. Quiogue, president and chief operating officer of GMA 7 and Meryl Schlachterman, 19th PAC chair.

SMART PRESENTS THE 19TH PAC

Smart Communications formally confirms its commitment to the 19th PAC by signing up as a major presentor during the MOA signing Oct. 14, at the McCann-Erickson headquarters in Makati City. Present during the event were Smart Communications-marketing head Ricky Isla and Meryl Schlachterman, 19th PAC chair.

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'Ready For The World?!' Programme

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

8:00am - 9:00pm Registration (Waterfront Hotel)

10:00am - 12:00pm Screening of Cannes Grand Prix, Gold, Silver and Bronze Lion Winners

12:00pm - onwards Golf Tournament (Alta Vista)

Thursday, November 17, 2005 (Waterfront Hotel)

6:00am - 9:00am Breakfast sponsored by Sunstar, TNS, AC Nielsen

9:00am - 9:30am Opening Ceremonies

9:30am - 10:30am SELLING BRAND PHILIPPINES

Keynote Speaker: Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala

10:30am - 11:45am Filipino Culture: Why We Show What We Show In Our Advertising

Speakers: Emily Abrera, Chairman Emeritus, McCann-Erickson Philippines;

Peter Wallace, President, Wallace Business Forum

11:45am - 12:00 nn Inauguration of Trade Exhibit / Coffee Break

12:00pm - 1:30pm Lunch Sponsored by Philippine Star

1:30pm - 2:.30pm Miss Understood: She's not Buying Your Ads

Speaker: Michelle Kristula-Green, President, Leo-Burnett APac

2:30pm - 3:30pm Shifting Brand Paradigms : What Constitute a Strong Brand in the Age of the Empowered Consumer

Speaker: Mike Amour, CEO-AP, Grey Global Group

3:30pm - 4:15pm How Challenger Brands Can "Eat Big Fish"

Speaker: Ding Salvador, Managing Consultant, Lamoiyan Corp.

4:15pm - 4:35pm Open Forum followed by Coffee Break

4:35pm Going Global by Being Local

Speakers: Kitti Chaiyaporn, ECD, Publicis, Thailand;

Prasoon Joshi, Reg. CD, McCann South & SE Asia

Plenary Sessions hosted by Mike Enriquez, GMA 7

5:45 pm - 7:00pm Free Time

7:00pm onwards Dinner & Entertainment, Waterfront Hotel Sponsored by GMA 7

Friday, November 18, 2005 (Waterfront Hotel)

6:00am - 9:00am Breakfast sponsored by Jollibee, PSRC, Synovate

CREATIVE MODULE (Moderator : Merlee Jayme, Dm9 Jayme Syfu)

9:00am - 10:15am Learning fr. Cannes

Speaker: John Merrifield, ECD, TBWA, Japan

10:15am- 11:30am Creative Briefings : A Joint Perspective from a Planner and a Creative

Speakers: Raul Castro, ECD, Lowe;

Carmen Antunez, Strategic Planner, Lowe;

Pam Garcia, Viboy Palilio, Account Planners, Lowe

11:30am - 12:00pm CPHG / ASAP

BRAND MODULE Moderator : Hans Lopez-Vito, McCann

9:00am - 10:00 am Brand Archetypes : How to Capitalize on the Power of Myths to Propel Your Brand

Speaker: Poonam Kumar, TNS Trends

10:00am - 12:00pm Going Under the Radar: Using Beyond the Line Channels for Effective Brand Communications

Speakers: PR Marketing - Tina Tinio, L'Oreal;

Loyalty Marketing - Nita Claravall, SVP, BPI;

Events Marketing - Chris Nelson, Managing Director, Philip Morris Philippines

MEDIA MODULE Moderator : Stephanie Dychiu, Summit Media

9:00am - 10:30am Out-of-the-box Advertising: Emerging Trends and Best Practices in Outdoor, Mobile, Internet and Gaming

Representatives from each medium will present emerging trends, best practices and case studies showcasing effectiveness of each. Open forum to follow.

Speakers: Ariel Haroush, CEO, Outform Media;

Mon Lizardo, VP, INQ7;

Dennis Mendiola, CEO, Chikka;

Ben Colayco, GM, Level-Up

10:30am - 12:00pm The Future of TV, Radio and Print:

Speakers: Sandy Prieto, President, Philippine Daily Inquirer;

Meckoy Quiogue, President, GMA marketing;

Jun Nicdao, President, Manila Broadcasting Company;

Lisa Gokongwei-Cheng, Publisher, Summit Media

12:00pm - 1:40pm Lunch Sponsored by Manila Bulletin

1:40pm - 2:20pm The Battle for the Vanishing Consumers: The Future of Media

Speaker: Jamie Lord, Marketing and Business Development Director, Mindshare, Asia Pacific

2:20pm - 3:20pm Marketing Through Entertainment

Speakers: David Flack (MTV SVP for Creative & Content, APac);

Gregory Ho (AXN, APac Advertising Director)

3:20pm - 3:40 pm Open Forum Moderated by Ricky Carandang, ANC followed by Coffee Break

3:40pm - 4:20pm Successfully Managing the Communication Agency of Today

Speaker: Rupert Howell, President, McCannWorldgroup, Europe, Middle-east, Africa

4:20pm - 5:20pm Learning from World-class Filipinos and Companies

Speaker: Mr. John Gokongwei, Founder, JG Summit Group

"My Wei: Greatest Lessons Learned from a Lifetime in Philippine Business".

5:20pm CEO FORUM: Getting Ready for the World!

Moderated by Nonoy Niles, AC Nielsen Asia Pacific

MORES : RJ Esteban | ASAP : Dodie Lucas | 4As: Yolly Villanueva-Ong | PANA: Johnip Cua and Media: Atty. Felipe Gozon

Plenary Sessions hosted by Mike Enriquez, GMA 7

6:00pm - 7:00pm Free Time

7:00pm - onwards Dinner & Entertainment, Waterfront Hotel Sponsored by QTV

Saturday, November 19, 2005

6:00am - 9:00am Breakfast

9:00am - 4:00pm Badminton sponsored by McDonald's (Metro Sports Badminton Center)

10:00am - 12nn Screening of Cannes Grand Prix, Gold, Silver and Bronze Lion Winners (Waterfront Hotel)

12:00pm - 2:00pm Lunch

2:00pm - 4:00pm Screening of Cannes Grand Prix, Gold, Silver and Bronze Lion Winners (Waterfront Hotel)

6:00pm - 8:30pm Araw Awards Dinner Sponsored by Philippine Daily Inquirer

8:30 pm - onwards ARAW AWARDS/ CLOSING CEREMONY